

Yeltsin shocks secretary as cameras roll

'Jordan values its human resources'

LONDON (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has said that Jordan had done a lot to develop human resources, saying that the workforce and human element are Jordan's most precious assets. In an interview with the London-based Jerusalem Report magazine, Prince Hassan said it was high time for investment in Jordan, noting that exchange rates had stabilised over the past three years, and that the inflation rate had dropped from 25 to four per cent. The Crown Prince added that local savings had grown over the past three years. On the establishment of a free trade zone north of the Dead Sea or on the Jordanian-Israeli territories, Prince Hassan said, "We look forward to improving the criteria and management which will enable us to prepare the region for such projects."

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Aqaba project gets \$86 million loan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation led by Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) Director General Muhammad Saeed Arafat returned to Amman from Kuwait Sunday after securing a \$86 million loan to help finance the third phase of the Aqaba thermal power station. Mr. Arafat told the Jordan Times that he had secured an agreement on the loan with the chairman of the board of the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development (AFSED), Abdul Latif Al Hamad. He said the agreement will go into effect in December after it has been signed by the minister of energy and mineral resources. The third phase involves the purchase and installation of a 170-megawatt thermal power generating unit. AFSED has provided Jordan with a total of \$310 million to help it finance the second phase of the thermal power station, which entails the installation of two thermal power generating units for which a tender has been awarded in the past summer, Mr. Arafat said. He said that the \$310 million loans also helped finance the country's electricity linkage with Egypt.

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Prince Hassan, Princess Sarvath return

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath on Sunday returned home after a short private visit to the United Kingdom during which he attended the graduation ceremony of their daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Badiya. Upon his arrival Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent. Their Royal Highnesses were received at the airport by their Royal Highnesses Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid, Prince Ghazi Ben Mohammad and Prince Ali Ben Nayef, the King's advisors, the acting prime minister, the speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and senior officials. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied on the visit by their Royal Highnesses Princess Rasheda and Princess Sumaya.

Russian minister to visit Tehran

TEHRAN (AP) — Russian Defence Minister Pavel Grachev will visit Iran, a senior Iranian official said Sunday after a Tehran newspaper said Russian engineers will start work on a nuclear plant the United States says could be used to make an atomic bomb. The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted Defence Ministry adviser Shokrollah Niaz as saying Mr. Grachev had "enthusiastically accepted the invitation extended to him by his Iranian counterpart to visit Iran." But, he said, "necessary coordination" has to be made between Tehran and Moscow "before the visit could take place." IRNA reported. Mr. Niaz gave no indication of when Mr. Grachev would visit Iran.

3 Hamas prisoners escape from jail

GAZA CITY (AFP) — Three Hamas hardliners escaped from Gaza City's main jail Sunday, a senior police official said as a manhunt was launched. Brigadier General Musa Arafat, head of Palestinian military intelligence, said the three men, Yousef Malabi, Osama Abu Taba and Emad Aqel, escaped at dawn after breaking the bars of their cell window. They did not attack police and no one was hurt, he added. All three were serving 12-year sentences handed down two months ago by the Palestinian state security court for anti-Israeli activities, police said. But Hamas sources said Aqel had not been sentenced and was detained about two months ago in the possession of a bomb and weapons near the Jewish settlement of Nezarim in the Gaza Strip. The other two, from the southern town of Rafah, were sentenced for possessing weapons, undergoing military training and planning a suicide-bombing against Israelis, they said.

U.S., Bahrain review military ties

MANAMA (AP) — The head of the U.S. air force's central command, Lieutenant General John P. Jumper, discussed military cooperation Sunday with the crown prince of Bahrain, where the Pentagon is seeking to deploy 30 additional combat aircraft. The state-run Gulf News Agency said Gen. Jumper met with Sheikh Hamad Ben Isa Al Khalifa, after conferring with the defence minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Ahmad Al Khalifa, and other high-ranking officials. The agency did not say whether the U.S. proposal to station another 30 warplanes here was discussed in any of the meetings. But last week a U.S. military official said the Pentagon hoped to secure Bahrain's agreement in the next few days. The U.S. embassy in Manama did not comment on the meetings.

King: Jordan committed to comprehensive peace

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AS JORDAN marks the first anniversary of the signing of its peace treaty with Israel, the Kingdom hopes to bring to fruition its hopes of seeing comprehensive peace prevailing in the Middle East. His Majesty King Hussein said Sunday.

The King, delivering a short address to the United Nations General Assembly on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the world body along with dozens of other world leaders (see story below), also emphasised that improvement in the life of people was an essential component of maintaining peace.

"Peace and poverty cannot mix in one region," said the King in an explicit reference to the disparities of the economies of the countries in the Middle East. He expressed hope that next week's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic conference would be "a new start in the quest for development of the region."

The King described the staging of joint flights between the Israeli and Jordanian air forces on Sunday (see story below) as a reflection of "the peace we sought."

"It is based on mutual respect and confidence," said the King. "It does not need the presence of international forces separating the two sides nor international observers to verify the truth of our commitment to peace."

King meets with Arafat and Rabin

NEW YORK (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday met with President of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) Yasser Arafat and discussed with him brotherly relations between the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples and means of further enhancing them.

Saudis hold 2 in blast probe

RIYADH (AFP) — Saudi police searched on Sunday for a man who hurled explosives at a crowded village mosque following a dispute over land, killing seven people and wounding 100 others, a senior official said.

World leaders mark U.N.'s anniversary seeking change

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In the largest gathering of world leaders in history, kings, presidents and premiers Sunday marked the 50th anniversary of the United Nations by demanding change if the organisation is to fulfill the dreams of its founders.

But the differences which have divided the world's only truly global organisation surfaced as 200 heads of state, prime ministers, foreign ministers and representatives of international groups began three days of speeches.

U.S. President Bill Clinton, the first world leader to speak, listed his agenda as combating international terrorism, organised crime, drug smuggling and the spread of "weapons of mass destruction."

Israeli army presents detailed West Bank redeployment plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli generals presented the cabinet with a detailed redeployment plan for the West Bank on Sunday, three days before Palestinian police are to begin taking over the northern West Bank city of Jenin.

One minister said the Israeli withdrawal could be halted at any time if the Palestinians areas became a shelter for militants staging attacks on Israelis.

Meanwhile, the army dismissed the large Faraa prison near Nablus, the West Bank's largest town. Cranes lifted heavy cement cells onto tank carriers as soldiers removed antennas and watch towers. Soldiers said the inmates had been evacuated last Thursday.

Jordan, Israel stage joint air show on 1st anniversary of peace treaty

AMMAN (Agencies) — A joint patrol of Israeli and Jordanian warplanes and helicopters overflew the two countries on Sunday at the launch of events to mark the first anniversary of their peace treaty.

The patrol — including Israeli F-16s and Jordanian F-5s — first flew over Tiberias, Galilee, Haifa, Tel Aviv and occupied Jerusalem.

Black Hawk helicopters of the Israeli air force and Jordanian Super Pumas, in close formation, carried the flags of the two countries as well as a banner reading, "Shalom and Salam."

UAE urges urgent aid for Iraq

DUBAI (Agencies) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Sunday urged other Arab countries to supply urgent aid to Iraq, intensifying a campaign to end crippling international sanctions against Baghdad.

Hammad: Passport extension apolitical

By Abdullah Hassanat
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Last week's decision by the government to grant West Bank Palestinians five-year passports was not politically motivated and those passports are mere travel documents that would not entitle their holders to citizenship rights in Jordan, the minister of interior, Salamah Hammad, declared Sunday.

The minister, addressing editors and columnists of local newspapers, said the decision was prompted by demands from West Bankers who had difficulties obtaining visas and travelling abroad using two-year passports.

Jordanians remember Abdul Hamid Sharaf

'Former prime minister's thoughts will remain with us'

By Sa'eda Kilani

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — It was ten years after the death of former Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf that Jordanians realised that what he was trying to accomplish in the early 1980s is what would have spared Jordan the economic hardships endured in late 1980s.

Now, 15 years after his death, senators, politicians and ordinary people are convinced that the whole Arab World would have been in better shape if the later prime minister's vision, philosophy and policies were to materialise.

"If those who criticised him then knew that if we had carried out what he preached we would not have suffered the economic difficulties in the late 1980s," said advisor to Her Majesty Queen Noor and former director of Noor Al Hussein Foundation, In'am Mufti, at a lecture held at Shoman foundation in commemoration of the passage of 15 years on his death.



Abdul Hamid Sharaf

"The Iraqi people are Arabs, whom we should not abandon especially in these circumstances," Sheikh Mohammad told a German television channel in a rare interview carried by the official UAE news agency WAM.

"Through the president's call, I now urge all Arab countries, especially those in the Gulf, to help in ending the embargo against the Iraqi people and provide urgent assistance to them. The UAE will not hesitate in providing assistance to the brotherly Iraqi people," he said.

In statements last week, Sheikh Zayed said it was time for Arabs to join hands in lifting the U.N. Security Council sanctions imposed on Iraq when its forces invaded neighbouring Kuwait in August 1990.

Diana backs mother's desire to become a Catholic

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana says she is considering becoming a Catholic. The 31-year-old princess, who is married to Prince Charles, said she was "very open" to the idea of converting to the faith of her husband's family. She said she had been thinking about it for some time and that she was "very open" to the idea of becoming a Catholic. She said she was "very open" to the idea of becoming a Catholic.

Ex-wife wins the Prize of her own

GAZA CITY (AP) — The wife of a Hamas leader won the Prize of her own. She was awarded the prize for her role in the Hamas movement. She was awarded the prize for her role in the Hamas movement.

Hong Kong thieves bore the store, swipe

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Gang unleashes terror in 'wild' West Bank town

NABLUS (AFP) — An armed gang is terrorising the West Bank town of Nablus, just weeks before Palestinian police are due to take over from Israeli troops.

Most of the gunmen are former Fatah Hawks, an armed wing of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's main faction that was active during the intifada against Israeli rule.

Led by Ahmad Tabuk, 26, the group has turned back the clock to when it was assigned to eliminate collaborating with Israel. Since May, they have killed two people and wounded at least 18, most of them fellow Fatah supporters.

Mr. Tabuk's men, acting as self-appointed custodians of moral standards, have bullied video-game stores and lottery offices into closure, shooting any one who defies them and smashing up shops.

They roam the streets, blaring over loudspeakers names of alleged thieves, pimps or drunks.

When they track down their prey, they go out in pairs to abduct him and cart him off to the Old City. There they stand him up against a wall and pump bullets into his legs, often in front of a shocked crowd.

Nablus is reeling from the violence.

"My little boy of three goes

around shouting 'Tabuk, Tabuk, bang, bang,' said another Nablus resident. "This place is becoming like the wild west."

The attacks have turned into a daily event, with only a month to go before the Israeli army is due to start the transfer of West Bank towns to the Palestinian self-rule authority.

Residents say Mr. Tabuk wants to assert his own authority before the transfer. "Nablus was always very independent, a trouble spot for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)," said a resident, who like several others preferred to remain anonymous for fear of gang reprisals.

"Arafat may be deliberately allowing chaos so that he can highlight the need for his control when he does come here," said the man, saying he was also a Fatah supporter.

With a population of 105,000 Nablus has half-a-dozen wealthy families who were local chiefs and mayors during the Ottoman empire and the British mandate before Israel was created in 1948.

They retained their influence after Israel seized the West Bank in 1967 and analysts say the PLO chief

may be trying to curb their power.

Even those who do not point a finger at Mr. Arafat are puzzled as to why he does not reign in Mr. Tabuk.

"This is a mystery," said Khalil Al Sharqat, a researcher. "The Palestinian Authority's intervention is not strong enough, and its stand is not clear."

Mr. Tabuk is known to have worked with a local security chief appointed by Mr. Arafat. When the two split four months ago and started a feud, Mr. Arafat dismissed the chief and Mr. Tabuk went independent.

The gang leader was later summoned to the autonomous town of Jericho, headquarters of Mr. Arafat's preventive security service. But he was soon out and in action again.

"We now have a dialogue with Tabuk," said Sameh Kanaan, head of preventive security which operates unofficially in Nablus. "The Palestinian Authority has ordered us to be patient with him and not to escalate the violence."

He predicted that when Mr. Arafat takes over he would absorb Mr. Tabuk into his security services, as he has done with activists in the already autonomous Gaza Strip.

Arafat draws crowd and cash at New York

NEW YORK (AP) — A buoyant Yasser Arafat, in New York for the first time in 21 years, stood in a glittering ballroom Saturday night, thanked Palestinian-Americans for their support and appealed for more.

"I ask you for help, for money to add beds to hospitals, and classrooms to schools," the Palestinian leader said.

Someone in the hotel ballroom crowd immediately passed up a check for \$10,000. Mr. Arafat kissed it and handed it to an aide. "If you have nothing, anything helps," he said with a smile.

Within minutes, as Mr. Arafat went on, another benefactor passed up a check for \$50,000.

Mr. Arafat, the leader of the cash-strapped Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, was in New York to participate in the four-day celebration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

He was not invited to Saturday night's major event, a gala dinner hosted by New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. But local Palestinian-American groups organised Mr. Arafat's own

fund-raising dinner at the Vista Hotel, across the street from the Giuliani dinner in New York's financial district, Wall Street.

The Arafat dinner, attended by more than 1,000 people, raised at least \$350,000 for the benefit of two hospitals in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

The Palestinian chief, last in New York for a U.N. visit in 1974, was in a jubilant mood, speaking often emotionally to an audience that interrupted with patriotic chants, including "we sacrifice ourselves for Palestine."

"We promise you a democratic Palestinian state," Mr. Arafat declared.

Security was airtight for the Palestinian leader's first public appearance since arriving in New York late Friday. At least 50 Palestinian and U.S. security agents lined the ballroom, including 20 who flanked the head table while he spoke.

The rest of Mr. Arafat's schedule during his New York stay remains largely undisclosed. He was scheduled to address the U.N. general Assembly on Sunday, the beginning of three days of five-minute addresses by more than 180 world leaders marking the U.N. anniversary.

Italian doctor killed in Somalia

NAIROBI (R) — An Italian doctor working for the Christian charity Italiana Caritas was killed in the southern Somalia town of Merca on Sunday, diplomats said.

They said a second medical worker on a tuberculosis project in the town was badly wounded by Somali militia and was to be evacuated to the Kenyan capital Nairobi later on Sunday.

Relief officials in Merca, south of the Somali capital of Mogadishu, identified the slain doctor as Graziella Fulgalli and his wounded colleague as Christoforo Andreoli.

Fulgalli, aged around 40, was head of a tuberculosis project while Andreoli was its laboratory technician.

Details of the attack on the Italians were scant.

But diplomats and relief workers said at least two Somali militiamen struck the Italians from inside their hospital.

"At least two or perhaps more men entered the hospital and struck the Italians, killing Fulgalli," a relief worker told Reuters by telephone from Merca.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sudan wants to restore ties with Kuwait

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Sudan has welcomed a Kuwaiti suggestion to restore ties with countries which, like Sudan, sided with Iraq in the Gulf war of 1991. The government official spokesman, Information Minister Abdul Basit Sabdarat, was quoted Sunday in the Akhbar Al Yom newspaper as describing the offer as a "positive step."

Kuwaiti Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Saadoun said in a statement that his country was ready to restore ties with countries that supported Iraq when it invaded Kuwait in 1990 and who criticised the war which drove the Iraqis out. Relations between Sudan and Kuwait have been frozen and diplomatic ties confined to charge d'affaires level ever since the Gulf crisis.

Three pharmacists shot dead for insulting mother

MINYA (AFP) — A Muslim shot dead his three Christian employers whom he accused of insulting his mother, police said Sunday. The shooting happened at the Flap hotel in Minya, southern Egypt, when Montaz Dakruri Muhammad opened fire on two men and one woman pharmacists, sitting in the restaurant. He told prosecutors he heard them "insulting his mother" and decided to take revenge. Police said the incident was so far not linked to the unrest which has shaken the area 250 kilometres south of Cairo and to which Coptic Christians have been targeted by Muslim militants.

Palestinian tent camp's first baby dies

EGYPT-LIBYA BORDER (AFP) — The first baby to be born in a tent camp for 1,000 Palestinians stranded in a no-man's land died several hours after his birth, residents said. Ferial Mohammad Gaber, 32, gave birth Friday in difficult conditions with the help of a doctor in the camp who lacked the proper equipment. She named the child Hudud (border), residents said Saturday. A Libyan ambulance was alerted several hours later to take the infant to a hospital in Tubruq, about 120 kilometres from the border but he died before arriving. The baby was buried in Tubruq. Conditions in the tent camp are deteriorating, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) which has reported 67 cases of diarrhoea among children. Another Palestinian who was taken off a ship stranded off the coast of Cyprus gave birth to a baby girl on Thursday. Another pregnant woman from among 600 Palestinians on the Countess M has been admitted to hospital in Larnaca.

Ethiopia's ambassador in Yemen asks for asylum

SANAA (AFP) — Ethiopia's ambassador to Yemen, Yousef Hamed Nasser, announced on Saturday that he had asked the government here for political asylum. Mr. Nasser, his country's ambassador in Sanaa since 1992, said he had taken his decision after being asked to return to Addis Ababa without being informed of his replacement. He told AFP he wanted to "protest against the recent actions of the Ethiopian foreign ministry." Senior officials from the ministry, "who arrived recently in Sanaa, searched all over the embassy and confiscated all the cheques there as well as my personal effects," he said. The official Yemen news agency SABA said several of Mr. Nasser's predecessors in Sanaa had asked for asylum but did not say whether the authorities would grant his request. The two countries have good relations.

Turkish civil servants rally for union rights

ANKARA (AFP) — Around 20,000 civil servants demonstrated for improvements of trade union rights and pay rises during a city centre protest here Saturday, the news agency Anatolia reported. City traffic was snarled for three hours as demonstrators chanted slogans calling for the right to strike and rights to arrange collective labour agreements currently forbidden to civil service trade unions under the Turkish constitution. The rally comes as Prime Minister Tansu Ciller attempts to calm the political crisis in Turkey. Her right-wing True Path Party (DYP) and the Republican Peoples' Party (CHP) of Deniz Baykal said Friday they had reached an agreement on the basic principles for a coalition pact. The announcement came after a meeting of a sub-committee set up Thursday to form a new coalition. Turkey's government has been embroiled in crisis since Ms. Ciller's government was toppled by a no-confidence vote in parliament last Sunday. The crisis dates back to Sept. 20, when Ms. Ciller resigned after a coalition with Mr. Baykal's left-leaning CHP collapsed and she was forced to opt for a minority government.

Turkish newspaper wars enter new stage

ISTANBUL (AP) — A sales war between Turkey's newspapers heated up Saturday as copies of the best-selling daily were confiscated by a court order. Copies of Aksam, which has a circulation of about 900,000, were confiscated after Aydin Dogan, the owner of the Hurriyet and Milliyet dailies, went to court claiming two editorials in Aksam had insulted him. However, because the confiscation order came at the end of the day, the sales and distribution of the newspaper were not affected. Sunday's editions of Aksam came out as usual. In a bitter promotion war, Turkish dailies have been offering refrigerators, tape recorders, bicycles and other goods to lure customers into purchasing their newspapers. Aksam has pledged to give out television sets as part of its promotion campaign. Milliyet has claimed that Aksam will not be able to fulfill that pledge. In response, Aksam editorials have attacked Mr. Dogan, alleging he has received low-interest loans from government banks in return for loyalty. Newspapers are usually confiscated in Turkey on charges of "separatist propaganda." Saturday's court order was the first time in the recent past that a confiscation was based on a personal claim.

Iran protests attack on diplomat in Argentina

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iran lodged a strong protest with Argentina on Sunday after an Iranian diplomat was shot and wounded in Buenos Aires, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said.

Argentine Charge D'affaires, Eduardo Demayo was summoned to the Foreign Minister after the attack late Saturday by unidentified gunmen, it said.

A motorcyclist opened fire on a car in which Iranian Charge D'affaires Hassan Ali Rajabi Yazdi and his family were travelling in the Belgrano district of the Argentine capital, wounding the diplomat in the chest.

The attack immediately fled the scene.

"Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmoud Vaezi told the Argentine diplomat that Buenos Aires should identify and arrest as soon as possible the parties that were involved in the attempt," it said.

"He (Vaezi) said the attempt was made by elements related to Zionist circles which aimed at destroying Tehran-Buenos Aires relations," IRNA reported.

The Tehran-based news agency described the shooting as a "terrorist attempt" but did not report who the gunmen were or speculate on any motive for the attack.

Argentine authorities have not ruled out any motives for the attack.

A deadly bomb attack on a Jewish charity in Buenos Aires last year killed 86 people and wounded scores more, while 29 were killed and more than 200 wounded in an attack on the Israeli embassy in the city in March 1992.

Argentine authorities failed to find any proof that Iran was behind the 1994 attack, despite accusations from Israel that the pro-Iranian Lebanese Hizbollah had carried out both.

Beirut treasures on display

BEIRUT (AFP) — More than 300 archeological finds have gone on display in the ruins of a church in the war-torn city centre of Beirut, the rewards of three years of excavation.

The items on show at the St. George Maronite Cathedral since Saturday are only a fraction of the treasures hidden under the old downtown which 17 civilisations have passed through over 5,000 years.

An open-air display includes fragments of Roman columns and a city wall dating to the Middle Bronze Age of local limestone with plaques leading to a gate of the city.

Archeologists have dug out Hellenistic sculptures, bronze jugs, Persian or late Phoenician clay jugs, Ottoman clay pipes, amphoras, gold coins, jewellery, mosaic floors and Mameluk pottery dishes.

Electioneering in Algeria as more violence feared

ALGIERS (AFP) — Algeria's presidential election campaign began Sunday amid fears of increased violence from Islamic radicals trying to stop military-backed head of state Lamine Zeroual gaining electoral credibility.

One candidate for the Nov. 16 poll has been killed, along with a former minister and many journalists in the run-up to the elections, in which Zeroual is seen as the favourite against three rivals.

The Armed Islamic Group (GIA), an umbrella for a number of fundamentalist factions, has threatened reprisals against anyone who takes part in the election, even just by casting a vote, according to press reports.

Polling booth staff, leaflet distributors and campaign bill stickers will be special targets, the reports said.

Some 14 million Algerians are entitled to vote their choice will be limited, and the number of those who will dare to turn out can hardly be guessed at.

The banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), which was

on the point of winning general elections in 1992 when the military staged a coup, sparking off a civil war in which at least 30,000 people have died, has also vowed to stop the presidential poll by whatever means it can.

The FIS and other parties, including the former ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) and the Socialist Force Front (SFF) signed a pact in January in Rome saying a political accord with the government was a precondition for their cooperation.

Algers rejected the demand and the FIS called for a boycott of the election, while the FLN said people should put in a blank return in some regions.

Mr. Zeroual and his rivals, Nouredine Boukrouh, Mahfoud Nabnah and Said Sadi, have made an end to the civil war the main theme of their pre-campaign speeches.

In the face of palpable anxiety in Algiers and elsewhere, the authorities said every measure had been taken to ensure that electoral activity was undisturbed.

As early as June 1 the government began calling up thousands of military reservists, boosted by more than 16,000 local militia.

The country's Independent Control Commission warned Friday that campaigning should take place away from mosques and schools.

Each candidate will be given three hours of air time on the single television channel and three radio stations broadcasting in Arabic, Berber and French, with a hours of five minutes on Nov. 1, anniversary of the start of the war of independence against France.

It was not immediately known if any campaign rallies were planned or if they would be permitted because of the security situation.

Mr. Sadi has said he was to begin campaigning at Tlemcen in the west, home town of former Interior Minister Abu Bakr Belkaid, who was assassinated in Algiers on Sept. 29, and end it at Annaba in the east, where Mr. Zeroual's predecessor Mohammad Boudiaf was shot dead on June 29, 1992.

No remorse, but no more violence today for Waheedi

ISRAEL'S refusal to release four female Palestinian prisoners have set off a fresh crisis of confidence just as Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) embark on the delicate task of extending Palestinian self-rule. Although Yasser Arafat has staked his prestige on winning their release, one of the women — Abeer Waheedi — does not expect to be freed any time soon.

By Scheherazade Faramarzi
The Associated Press

TEL MOND — With a peculiar cheerfulness, Abeer Waheedi strode into the visitors' room at Israel's Sharon prison, summoned her parents and sister and kissed each through a metal grate.

Then she motioned for them not to interrupt.

"You have to get it out of your mind that we are going to be getting out," Ms. Waheedi told her family on

Friday.

Twenty-six years old, Ms. Waheedi is serving a 17-year term for membership in a PLO guerrilla cell that killed a Jewish settler, Zvi Klei, in a drive-by shooting in 1991. The cell member who pulled the trigger was sentenced to life.

Ms. Waheedi, daughter of a leading official in Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, shrugged when asked whether she felt remorse.

"Circumstances are different now. There is no need

for armed struggle," said Ms. Waheedi, appearing relaxed in jeans and a denim jacket, although faint circles were visible under her eyes.

"What I did was for a cause, for freedom and independence. Now the struggle has shifted from the gun to more constructive goals," she said, reaching through the grate to press this reporter's hands, as if to stress her point more strongly.

Ms. Waheedi is by far the best known of any of the female Palestinian prisoners. Her smooth, round face framed by dark hair appears on posters, magazine covers and greeting cards, one calling her "the symbol of Palestine." She is seen in one drawing with a Kalashnikov assault rifle and a Palestinian flag.

Ms. Waheedi was born into a wealthy, politically active family. The roots of her own activism can be traced to age seven, when she watched Israeli soldiers raid her family home and arrest her father, Mohammad. He subsequently served two years in prison for membership in the then-illegal Fatah group.

"This left a big scar on Abeer," her mother, Maisoun.

At age nine, Abeer began taking part in anti-Israeli protests and in her early teens, she joined a group that cared for the families of political prisoners.

In 1987, she enrolled in civil engineering classes at the West Bank's Bir Zeit University. But with the outbreak of the popular revolt

against occupation that year, there was little time for studying. "She became active in the uprising and witnessed how classmates were killed in demonstrations," Mrs. Waheedi said.

By 1991, with two brief stints in Israeli jails under her belt, Ms. Waheedi had become a member of a Fatah underground cell.

Seven months after settler Zvi Klei was killed, she was back in jail — though her lawyer insisted she had no idea at the time an ambush was being planned.

Two years after her arrest, Ms. Waheedi was sentenced to 17 years for membership in the cell. Her family also was punished when army bulldozers flattened their three-bedroom home, quickly re-

built with donations from friends and the PLO.

Ms. Waheedi says she has found life tolerable during her three years in prison.

There is time to study for her civil engineering degree, and she has kept busy by learning Hebrew, which she can read fluently. Six women share her cell, and the companionship helps her morale.

But the years in prison have done little to soften her feelings for the Israelis, though she said she would be able to live with them in peace — if there was mutual respect.

"How do you think I feel about the Israelis? How do you want me to feel? Israel is still my jailer and I am its prisoner."

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Bananas	120
Oranges	150
Lemons	180
Tomatoes	200
Cucumbers	220
Onions	250
Potatoes	280
Garlic	300
Beans	320
Peas	350
Spinach	380
Carrots	400
Broccoli	420
Cauliflower	450
Peppers	480
Eggplants	500
Mushrooms	520
Asparagus	550
Artichokes	580
Brussels Sprouts	600
Kale	620
Swiss Chard	650
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Beets	700
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U.N. bodies prepare to mark 50th anniversary

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Tuesday, October 24, marks the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations. In commemoration of the historic date, the U.N. General Assembly has proclaimed the following week as World Peace Week in honour of the world body's 50 years of international service.

In Jordan two of the U.N.'s most active bodies in the region, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will host a commemorative reception at the Philadelphia Hotel under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Prince Hassan, who has said that the occasion of the anniversary should provide

'Working group on refugees looks for formula acceptable to all parties'

AMMAN (J.T.) — Head of the Working Group on Refugees of the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process, Andrew Robinson Sunday met with Acting Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh and said the group was trying to find a common ground for a formula for the settlement of the refugee problem acceptable to all parties. Mr. Robinson, was Canada's ambassador to Jordan until his tenure ended this summer, said his visit to Jordan is meant to pursue the goal of the working group.

He said the group is encouraging the Palestinian people and the Israelis to cooperate in order to find a solution to the refugee issue and help the two sides to co-exist.

Mr. Robinson reviewed with Mr. Rawabdeh the work carried out so far by the group and outlined Jordan's continued assistance to the Palestinian refugees.

He reaffirmed Jordan's demand that the world community help to secure the inalienable rights of the refugees to their homeland or to compensation for the loss of their property.

Apart from the Palestine refugee issue, the working group is also working on refugee-related issues such as family re-unification, training and job creation, public health, child welfare and social and economic infrastructure.

Mr. Robinson Monday will participate in a plaque-unveiling ceremony to mark the completion of a mother and child health centre in the Zaqra area.

The \$504,000 centre will reduce the incidence of death and disease in a high-risk group by providing accessible health services to some 15,000 mothers and pre-school children, according to a statement by the Canadian embassy here.

The centre is one of several projects announced during a plenary meeting of the working group in May 1994. It forms part of nearly \$20 million worth of projects in Jordan funded by international donor nations.

The centre, administered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) is part of the first phase of the agency's Peace Implementation Programme (PIP).



Acting Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh meets with head of the multilateral working group on refugees Andrew Robinson (Petra photo)

Defendants expelled from courtroom during trial of sabotage case

By Rana Hussein
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Thirteen people accused of sabotage Sunday refused, for the second time, to appoint lawyers to defend them at the State Security Court forcing the court to adjourn the case indefinitely.

Presiding Judge Hafiz Amin said that since some of the defendants refused to appoint lawyers, the court will contact the Jordanian Bar Association (JBA) to assign defence attorneys for the defendants.

"Since some of the defendants say they do not believe in the justice system and that they will defend themselves or 'God will defend and decide their fate,'"

When Judge Amin finally decided to begin the session, the 13 defendants marched into the courtroom chanting "we are Ansar Allah" (meaning "Supporters of God") and "God is our ruler."

Suddenly the defendants knelt down and started to pray in the newly-built cage constructed to contain the defendants. The court was forced into a five-minute pause.

When the session resumed, Saleh Armouti, one of the court appointed lawyers representing three of the defendants began telling the court that the defendants were refusing their right to an attorney. He was interrupted by one of the defendants. Judge Amin had the defendant expelled from the courtroom.

The other 12 defendants started to shout objections saying they would not allow the court to expel their friend. Judge Amin then expelled all the remaining 12 defendants.

The resumed long enough for Judge Amin to listen to the other defence attorney who said that his clients also refused to be represented. The court was then adjourned.

The charge sheet against the 13 defendants includes slander against His Majesty King Hussein and illegal possession and manufacturing of explosive materials.

Belgian minister to head team to MENA summit

AMMAN (Petra) — Belgium will participate in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit in Amman with a delegation representing the country's public and private sectors and led by the Minister of Finance and International Trade, according to Belgian Ambassador to Jordan Guido Courtois.

The Belgian delegation will focus proposals in construction, industry, railway, bridge, seaport and road projects as well as cement and potash projects, the ambassador said Sunday.

After the three-day conference, Belgium will send 25 businesspersons to conduct a study of the region and the prospects for investments in the projects discussed at the conference sessions, Mr. Courtois said.

Also on Sunday a delegation of private sector companies in Canada met Hamdi Tabbaa, Chairman of the Jordanian Businessmen's Association (JBA) to discuss the investment climate in the Kingdom.

Addressing the meeting, held at the Forte Grand Hotel, Mr. Tabbaa urged the Canadian business community to invest in the country or to enter into partnership in the Kingdom's development schemes.

Noting that Jordan and Canada established a joint business council in 1993 to promote bilateral trade and encourage investments in the Kingdom, Mr. Tabbaa said that Canada's participation in the MENA conference would further emphasise the two sides' intentions towards mutual cooperation.

Canadian Ambassador to Jordan Michel de Salaberry and JBA members as well as Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary General Mohammad Smadi attended the meeting.

Trial of militant accused of slander to start today

By Rana Hussein
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The trial of a Muslim militant charged with slander against His Majesty King Hussein will open today at the State Security Court, according to court officials.

Atta Abu Rishdeh, 53, spokesman for the illegal Hezb Al Tahrir (Liberation Party), was detained on Oct. 15 by authorities in his office in Ruseifeh, nine days after he was interviewed by an Arabic weekly Al Hiwar in which he allegedly slandered the King.

Slander against the Royal family is a violation of the law and is punishable by up to three years' imprisonment.

According to the State Prosecutor General's charge sheet, Mr. Abu Rishdeh, who is an engineer and hails from the village called Raana near Hebron, made several remarks slandering the King.

One of the remarks said: "What to say to a ruler, official, groups or individuals who see in the U.S., Britain, Russia, France and the rest of the infidel colonial countries their own Gods? This is treason. It is a betrayal of God, his Prophet and the faithful."

The charge sheet said that the suspect confessed to slandering the King when questioned by the authorities. "The King and his regime in Jordan are unjust and corrupt because they do not rule in accordance with God's teachings," the charge sheet quoted him as saying.

"My view of King Hussein is always the same. As long he does not abide by God's teaching, he is unjust and corrupt."

According to the Prosecutor General the evidence to be used against Mr. Abu Rishdeh includes his own testimony and the issue of Al Hiwar newspaper in which the interview appeared. Also the prosecutor will call Abdullah Mohammad Bani Issa, editor of Al Hiwar newspaper, to testify.

Al Hiwar is a new tabloid weekly based in Irbid. The issue in which the interview appeared was only its fourth.

Mr. Abu Rishdeh was frequently arrested over the past 10 years for militant activities and affiliation with Hezb Al Tahrir, which is an outlawed fundamentalist group that does not recognise any existing Arab or Muslim regime. It calls for establishing a caliphate style Islamic state.

Germany to provide JD 3m in aid to customs, lands departments

AMMAN (J.T.) — Germany and Jordan Sunday signed two memoranda granting the Kingdom a total of nearly JD 3 million in technical aid for two different projects being implemented by the Customs and Lands and Survey departments.

According to one memorandum Germany will provide JD 1.5 million in training (plus required equipment) to Customs Department personnel in Jordan and in Germany. The training will be geared towards upgrading and modernising the department's systems.

The project of modernising the department is being undertaken by the Ministry of Finance Customs Department and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ).

The second memorandum provides for JD 1.5 million worth of German technical assistance to help the Lands and Survey Department computerise and upgrade its work.

The technical assistance comes in the form of consultancy services, reorganising the department's system and providing equipment, vehicles and training to Jordanian personnel in addition to the computerisation process.

German Embassy Counsellor Michael Bock told the Jordan Times that the two sides have already started on these projects and the signing of the memoranda was needed as a formal step for the release of all the funds required for the work.

He said Germany and Jordan agreed on these two schemes during their biannual meetings alternately held in both countries to review progress of projects and to discuss Jordan's new requests for financial and technical assistance needed for development schemes.

The memoranda were signed by Minister of Planning Rima Khalf and German Ambassador to Jordan Heinrich Reiners.

ILO prepares programme for Mideast in labour field

AMMAN (Petra) — The International Labour Organisation (ILO) is preparing a special programme for cooperation in labour-related affairs with the countries of the Middle East in the coming years, according to visiting ILO official Evon Shotard.

Speaking at a meeting with Acting Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh Mr. Shotard said he expected that the region will witness great strides in socio-economic development in the near future. He added that it was important for countries of this region to step up their coordination and cooperation with the European Union in order to achieve their development goals.

Mr. Shotard, who is chairman of the ILO's labour office, said France has already announced its willingness to increase its activities towards promoting development in the region.

Mr. Shotard, who arrived in Amman Saturday as part of a tour of the Middle East to examine labour-related issues, said his office and Jordan maintained strong ties.

At the meeting, which was attended by Minister of Labour Nader Abul Sha'ar, Mr. Rawabdeh reviewed with Mr. Shotard matters pertaining to workers in Jordan stressing that peace, security and stability are closely connected with the efforts to end poverty and hunger.

He added that Jordan was looking to the European Union for help to rid the country of its debt burden and to back the Kingdom's investment endeavours.

Professionals differ on expectations of MENA

By Lola Keilani
Special to the Jordan Times

Amman — Jordanians from different professions agree that the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit will bring in international investment to the tourism sector of the Kingdom, but some are sceptical of prospects of a similar flow of funds to other sectors that would help address unemployment in the country.

Most of those interviewed by the Jordan Times said the mere fact that Jordan was hosting the summit was a reflection of the Kingdom's commitment to peace, but that did not necessarily mean an automatic opening for investment that would solve the country's economic problems.

Sceptics argue that Jordan has neither the cheap labour of Egypt nor the high technology and expertise available in Israel.

They contend countries like Israel would end up obtaining the lion's share of investments through the MENA summit by presenting more rewarding investment opportunities.

"Investors who seek fast profits will be tempted to invest in Egypt, with cheap labour, or Israel, which has highly advanced technology and infrastructure," said Jamal Jaded, a physician.

Some see the summit as a political statement that is meant to emphasise Jordan's new role in the region and project Israel as a Middle East partner.

"The summit symbolises political prestige for Jordan, but it cannot be an economic event that brings benefits," said Tariq Abu Sharar, an engineer.

"It (the summit) is the first step in opening Arab markets to Israeli goods," said hotel employee Mervat Abu Rous.

Others see the summit, due to open on Oct. 29, as another reminder of the unfulfilled promises of economic prosperity that followed the signing of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty on Oct. 26, 1994.

"A year ago we Jordanians were promised economic prosperity, but nothing has improved, and it is unlikely that something tangible will come out of this summit," said Alia Nusur, a dentist.

Other Jordanians were more optimistic. They said that the summit will, in the long run, contribute to improving the economy.

"For a long period of time, as a result of the region's instability, investing in Jordan was a high risk," said Rami Tubeileh, an administrative assistant at a private company.

Now Mr. Tubeileh believes, the summit is Jordan's opportunity to prove that the country can offer a attractive environment for investment.

"This is Jordan's chance to project a good image to international investors," said retired civil servant Issam Daghestani.

"Economic rewards will reach the people because government revenues from businesses will increase and therefore the income of the different groups of the society will also go up," said Mr. Daghestani.

Samir Issam, a salesperson at an Amman hotel, noted that the tourism sector has boomed since the peace treaty was signed, and said he was certain that the economy would pick up soon.

"Leading businessmen are pumping money into the tourism sector, they must know what they are doing," he said, alluding to growing confidence in the business community.

But others do not see the tourism sector as being capable of solving the problem of unemployment, estimated at between 18 and 20 per cent.

"Tourism is a service, not an industry, with a solid output to the economy and higher employment opportunities," said Mr. Abu Sharar.

Last month Minister of Tourism Abdul Ilah Khatib had said that there has been increased investment in hotels and approval has been obtained for the construction of new hotels with an accommodation capacity equal to 50 per cent of that of the existing hotels.

"The government revenues will increase, which might raise our salaries, but it will be accompanied with an increase in prices," said Yaseen Khleifat, a government employee.

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Sri Lanka tightens Colombo security after Tamil attack

COLOMBO (AFP) — The Sri Lankan government has tightened security in the capital amid heavy criticism for its failure to thwart a spectacular Tamil guerrilla rocket attack on key oil reserves in Colombo, officials said Sunday.

Security has been tightened at the main international airport, railway station and other "sensitive" facilities here following Friday's attack by the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), military officials said.

"The situation is under control. We have also tightened security at sensitive installations. From now on there will be frequent search operations in Colombo," a military spokesman said.

LTTE guerrillas blew up the Kolonnawa oil reservoir and the nearby Orugodawatte crude oil

complex, causing huge fires and leaving at least 22 security personnel and four LTTE cadres dead.

The fire at Kolonnawa was brought under control with help from Indian fire-fighters but the crude oil complex still burned out of control Sunday afternoon, officials said.

A night curfew that was imposed in the capital was lifted at dawn Sunday after a day of sporadic gun-battles between troops and suspected LTTE militants holed up here, police said.

Police Inspector General W. B. Rajaguru said that residents need not fear since all LTTE cadres, who carried out the attack "were either arrested or killed."

At least two Tamil civilians were lynched by majority Sinhalese mobs amid rising ethnic tension caused by the LTTE

assault. The Tigers are fighting for a separate state in the northeast for minority Tamils.

Residents in the capital stocked up on provisions in anticipation of more curfews while long queues formed outside filling stations amid fears of fuel shortages caused by the attacks on the two oil depots.

The LTTE strikes shocked the capital since police have constantly reviewed security measures here in the wake of previous bomb attacks.

Police have been almost daily carrying out inspections on small hotels and hostels in the capital. Landlords have also been warned against renting out property to strangers without a proper check of their identities.

Other security measures in place are additional road-



Residents flee their homes located near the Orugodawatte crude oil complex and the nearby Kolonnawa oil tank farm that were blown up by suspected Tamil Tiger guerrillas in Colombo Friday (AFP photo)

blocks manned by troops, checks on vehicles for possible LTTE car bombs and strict checks on passengers at the main Kanmayake airport and the main fort railway station here.

However, newspapers Sunday lashed out at existing security "loopholes." The Island newspaper

said that strategies adopted to defend vital installations were "woefully inadequate" and demanded that whoever was in charge of security accept responsibility for the disaster.

"In most countries heads roll when such national disasters occur but here some of those responsible appear

to go off their heads talking piffle and attempting to cover up the damage done," The Island said.

Whoever was responsible should not take refuge "under the pretext of the 'element of surprise' which is the stock excuse for any debacle in these times," the English-lan-

guage newspaper said.

The Sunday Times said that "a handful of terrorists have turned the city and country upside down" despite warnings the LTTE would carry out reprisal attacks in Colombo for the current military offensive in rebel stronghold in the north.

Indebted duke's collection brings in \$55 million

BADEN-BADEN, Germany (AP) — The 15-day auction of the 25,000 objects of art accumulated by the dukes of Baden earned more than expected and the aristocratic family should be able to cover most of its debts, officials said Sunday. The auction was the biggest of its kind ever conducted by Sotheby's and brought in 77.5 million marks (\$55 million), said Christoph Douglas, Sotheby's chief for Germany. Margrave Max von Baden, their heir of the family that has had business reverses and big tax bills, put the collection on the block hoping to raise about 50 million marks (\$32.5 million). The state of Baden-Wuerttemberg paid 45.5 million marks (\$32.5 million) for items of particular interest for the state's cultural heritage in advance of the auction.

Gloria Estefan to entertain priests

MIAMI (AP) — Pop singer Gloria Estefan will bring her music to the Vatican to honour priests around the world. Accompanied by a 62-musician orchestra, she will sing in a live television show Friday at the Vatican's Paul VI audience hall. Pope John Paul II will participate in the programme, called "The Greatest Love." The show will honour priests 30 years after the second Vatican council, which liberalised the Roman Catholic Church.

Hugh Grant could play Nick Leeson in Barings film

LONDON (AFP) — Actor Hugh Grant could play broker Barings trader Nick Leeson in a film on the collapse of the British merchant bank, the Mail on Sunday reported. "It's very early days yet, but Hugh Grant has expressed interest," broadcaster Sir David Frost, who is producing the £20 million (\$30 million) movie, told the paper. Leeson, 28, is in jail in Germany, awaiting extradition for trial on fraud charges in Singapore, where his dealings allegedly lost Barings \$1.3 billion. He was interviewed by Frost in his prison cell last month. Leeson himself could earn some \$3 million from the film.

Palermo post office held up for \$7 million

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — Bandits held employees at gunpoint in Palermo's main post office Saturday and made off with some \$7 million in cash and other valuables. Private TV network Italia Uno said the robbers slipped into a side door and threatened about 20 workers before escaping with the loot. Nobody was reported injured. Italian post offices virtually double as banks for millions of people, who use them to get money orders, deposit cash in interest-bearing accounts, withdraw money from pension funds, pay utility bills and open certificates of deposit similar to those issued by banks.

Stove thief has a blast in New York

NEW YORK (R) — A man stealing a stove from a New York apartment apparently left the exposed line pouring out natural gas, causing an explosion that ripped through the top floor of the building and injured 20 people, police said. Candido Rivera, 38, a one-time resident of the seven-storey building, was charged with reckless endangerment and possession of stolen property. "After pulling out the stove from the apartment, he left an open gas line exposed which caused the explosion," police spokeswoman Debra Kearns said.

Wife, parents of Chinese dissident stage protest

BEIJING (R) — The parents and wife of leading Chinese dissident Chen Ziming staged a protest in a Beijing park Sunday to demand his release on medical parole.

"They have not allowed me to hold a march," Wu Yongfen told reporters as she held a picture of her son, with her husband sitting nearby. "So we are holding a protest in a park. This is all we can do. I will use different methods to save my son."

Some reporters were questioned by plainclothes police at the scene. The Beijing office of the U.S. television channel Cable News Network (CNN) said it had lost touch for two hours with its cameraman Fan Wen-Chun, a U.S. citizen, who had been filming the protest, and did not know his whereabouts.

Chen's wife Wang Zhihong said all family members returned home without incident after 2-1/2 hours.

Chen, branded as a "black hand" behind the 1989 student-led pro-democracy movement that was crushed by the military, is serving a 13-year jail sentence for "counter-revolutionary", or subversive activities.

He was returned to jail June 25, a year after he was released on medical parole in a move seen as an attempt by Beijing to stop the U.S. Congress revoking China's coveted most-favoured nation trading status.

"I do not know my son's medical condition. They do not allow us to see him," Wu said. "They have done a medical check on him but have not allowed us to see it."

"We did not need permission to hold this protest," she said by telephone. "We are very worried about Chen. As a cancer patient, he should be receiving special treatment and not in a prison where conditions are worse than normal."

Asked if the protest was linked to a visit by China's President Jiang Zemin to New York to address the United Nations this week, Wang said that it was one of many protests the family had held since Chen was returned to jail.

"These are to show that we, his family, are with him for ever and we will never be separated," she said. "We cannot do nothing as his condition deteriorates. There is no direct link with Jiang's visit."

Earlier this month, Wu

applied to Beijing police for permission to hold a public demonstration last week to demand the release of Chen on medical grounds on the day U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown arrived in Beijing. The application was refused.

Chen has been treated for cancer and hepatitis B but

Wang has said he has not had access to drugs to control symptoms resulting from chemotherapy treatment since he was put back in jail.

"Our bank account has been frozen illegally so it is difficult for me to buy his expensive medicines," Wang said.



Wen Yongfen, the mother of jailed dissident Chen Ziming, holds a photo of her son during a protest in Beijing Sunday (AFP photo)

Pro-Moscow Chechen leader denies resignation

MOSCOW (AFP) — Salambek Khadzhiyev, head of the pro-Moscow Chechen government of national rebirth, Sunday denied reports that he had resigned and insisted he had no plans to do so, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

"The rumours about my resignation which have appeared in the media do not correspond to reality, and I have not made any announcement to that effect," Khadzhiyev told ITAR-TASS.

Moscow Echo Radio reported Saturday that Khadzhiyev had resigned to make way for another pro-Russian Chechen leader.

The radio quoted Khadzhiyev as saying he intended to back as his successor Doku Zavgayev, ex-speaker of the former Chechen-Ingushetia parliament.

Khadzhiyev told ITAR-TASS that in April he had proposed Zavgayev or former Russian parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov to head the Moscow-backed government in Chechnya.

"I assumed that Zavgayev or Khasbulatov, with their professionalism and experience in dealing with people, could further the process of

rebuilding the republic," Khadzhiyev said.

"If one of them responds, my offer remains effective," he said.

Moscow is desperate to find an alternative power in Chechnya to Dzhokhar Dudayev's independence fighters, who have infiltrated areas nominally controlled by Russian forces.

Zavgayev has appeared over the past weeks to be gaining Kremlin support for a political solution to the conflict, as support has slipped away from Khadzhiyev and Umar Avturkhanov, leader of the pro-Moscow Committee of National Reconciliation.

Khadzhiyev said he had recently received offers to serve in the Russian government and the resignation rumours were linked to the fact that "Doku Zavgayev is considering returning to Chechnya."

However, he added that "so far Zavgayev has not agreed — evidently he is preparing himself for such a move."

Khadzhiyev said that if Zavgayev returned, "I will be glad and help as much as I can," ITAR-TASS reported.

Khasbulatov meanwhile told Moscow Echo that an "alliance" would have to be

forged with the opposing sides in Chechnya to choose a figure "acceptable to all parties" if Khadzhiyev resigned.

He declined to name a possible candidate.

Last month Russian President Boris Yeltsin officially brought his sworn enemy in from the cold, saying "Ruslan Khasbulatov has a far from negligible political potential in Chechnya."

In October 1993 Khasbulatov, a Chechen, was one of the leaders of the insurrection against Yeltsin that ended in bloodshed and a presidential order to tanks to open fire on the parliament building.

Khasbulatov said recently that Nationalities Minister Vyacheslav Mikhailov and Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov had given him a free hand to use his influence in Chechnya.

Talks aimed at ending the crisis in Chechnya were suspended Oct. 9 after Anatoly Romanov, the commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the republic, was seriously injured in an assassination attempt.

Fate of Dini government in the balance

ROME (AFP) — Italian Prime Minister Lamberto Dini's government is in for a rough ride this week as it faces a no-confidence motion whose outcome hangs by a thread on indecisive communist deputies.

For the first time since taking office in January, the Dini government is in real danger, although most political observers believe he will pull through.

On Monday, the speaker of the lower house of parliament, Irene Pivetti, will decide when the censure

motion is to be debated. The motion was tabled by the freedom grouping alliance of centre right and right wing parties headed by former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Parliamentary sources say Wednesday or Thursday are the most likely days.

Dini, a former conservative banker who claims to be apolitical, has held a shaky majority in parliament since he took over from Berlusconi in January.

The outcome of the vote

on the censure motion is far from certain. Dini's supporters in centre and left wing parties outnumber the centre right and right by six votes, but another 20 to 30 deputies are undecided.

The result could depend on the stance adopted by deputies from the extreme-left Marxist reformed Communist Party who oppose the government — on the grounds that budgetary reform is contrary to workers' interests — but may be reluctant to cast their votes with

the freedom grouping. They are due to meet Monday to decide their stance.

Newspapers, for their part, disagree on the figures.

The pro-Berlusconi Il Giornale said: "There is the requisite number to throw out Dini", while L'Indipendente, pro-Northern League, cites figures which favour the centre left.

Financial markets have been jittery since the start of the political crisis Thursday and Friday,

when Justice Minister Filippo Mancuso was dismissed after the Senate voted to censure him for his repeated attacks on the "clean hands" anti-corruption judges.

The Milan bourse closed the week down 2.4 per cent, while the lire was down at 1.145/1.146 liras to the German mark against 1.128,77 the previous day.

Investors see the situation as a "pre-electoral" one, and fear that the no-confidence motion may further delay approval of

the 1996 budget, which is due to come before parliament before the year's end. Berlusconi has already promised that his party Forza Italia will vote it down.

In addition, Justice Minister Filippo Mancuso is contesting his sacking. The Senate voted overwhelmingly to fire Mancuso, saying his sniping against magistrates investigating corruption by Italy's political and economic leaders was incompatible with his work as a government

minister.

Mancuso left the justice ministry Friday saying his absence would be "physical" only, and that he would take his case to the Constitutional Court, claiming that a parliamentary act of this nature against a minister is invalid and that a censure motion must be directed against the government as a whole.

The Constitutional Court will decide on the issue Tuesday.

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Averting future crisis

THE JUST-COMPLETED, British-financed study of the Qa-Disi aquifer in the south of the country has come out with very encouraging news about Jordan's water resources. The four-year study says that what lies deep in the Kingdom's desert in the Qa-Disi reservoir can yield up to 160 million cubic metres (mcm) of potable water annually for the next 100 years.

This is indeed good news for all of us who have been labouring under the impression that our national water crisis is going from bad to worse. Given the fact that about 60-80 mcm of water from Qa-Disi is diverted annually for use in the south of the country, the difference, estimated to be well over 80-100 mcm of potable water, can still be pumped to Amman and its environs where the scarcity of water has already reached ominous proportions.

But pumping such huge amounts of water to the capital city faces two formidable problems. One is the construction of an expensive pipeline whose cost may reach \$400 million: the upcoming economic conference in Amman may consider financing this project since water is a very critical element in the development of the country and the region. The other is the reservoir of Qa-Disi itself which is also being used by Saudi Arabia at the rate of 600 mcm per year.

It is true that the Saudi usage would not affect the projected 80-100 mcm, that could still be diverted for Jordanian use in the central region, but there is always the fear that this already huge depletion could increase in the future unless there is in place an agreement between the two Kingdoms to regulate pumping of water from this oldest fossil water anywhere in the world which dates back 35,000 years. This precious water resource, which has prompted some water experts to call it "God's water" due to its unique purity and quality, deserves to be regulated and controlled. After all its disproportionate use strikes us as unfair and needs to be capped. Otherwise we may all end up with a fast depleting water resource.

On another water front, the U.S. is pitching in the effort to solve the acute problem of the Amman-Zerka water by providing a grant of \$8 million to cover the costs of an engineering study to expand and develop wastewater treatment in the area. Wastewater is clearly an important source of water that can be recycled for agricultural use. This would lessen the strain on potable water sources that are being diverted for agricultural use.

These two measures coupled with ongoing German-financed project to put a lid on water waste due to leakages in our national network would go a long way to lessen the water crisis in the country. The water sharing agreement with Israel in the wake of the peace treaty that was signed with it last year would bring the day closer when our strategic water supplies are adequate to meet our present and future needs.

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LIBYA, WHICH has been continually claiming that it seeks pan-Arab unity, is defying the Arab World by expelling its Palestinian residents, by refusing to pay its dues to the Arab League and by taking measures that show disregard to other nations, said Mohammad Subeini in Al Dustour. The writer said that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Arab League should examine the Libyan case at the highest level and try to convince the Libyan regime to change its stand towards the Arab Nation. If this fails, the Arab countries ought to close their borders with Libya, although such action could motivate the Libyan president to evict Tunisian and Egyptian workers, said the writer. He said that the time has come for the Arabs to free themselves from the whims of the Libyan ruler, who is unpredictable in his behaviour and is unworthy of confidence.

A WRITER in Al Ra'i expressed the view that the Israeli president's stand vis-a-vis the release of the Palestinian detainees and his refusal to free the women prisoners in particular have motivations other than the claim that the prisoners' hands are stained with Israeli people's blood. Iareq Masarweh said that the president is probably trying to put pressure on the United States to force it to release Israeli spy Pollard in exchange for the release of the women prisoners, especially since Washington has sponsored the Taba agreement that provides for the release of all Palestinian detainees. The writer said the Israeli president is also trying to prove to the world that he represents the powerful Israeli state, which does not only control its own destiny but also that of the Palestine autonomous state and maintains hegemony over the destiny of the whole region.

HUMAN RIGHT FILE

An 'uneffective' human rights hot line

By Dr. Waleed M. Sa'di

ONE OF the most noticeable change in the Human Rights Centre at the U.N. Office in Geneva ever since the establishment of the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights was the creation of a "hot line," that would enable any human rights watcher or victim to fax his or her complaint directly to the centre. The idea was the brain child of José Ayala Lasso, the first U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. He was obviously hoping to invigorate the international human rights activities and make them more effective. The hot line's number is: 0041-22-917 0092 through which people and human rights organisations from around the world can keep the U.N. abreast of the latest information about human rights abuses.

So far so good. What is even more important is to gauge whether this newly added service is really effective or a mere public relations gesture that would not make much difference at the end of the day. It must be recalled at the outset that the U.N. Human Rights Centre has already an established policy and practice to solicit and receive complaints about human rights violations, especially the most serious and massive among them. There is in place already a mechanism within the centre to sift through complaints submitted directly by victims or on their behalfs whenever there is a commission of a human rights contravention. Many of these complaints are channelled confidentially under the so-called 1503 procedure and processed and examined first by a working group of the U.N. Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities. In turn the sub-commission takes up the recommendations of the working group and adopts the necessary resolutions on them. When and if the plenary of the sub-commission accepts the findings of its working group that the complaints are credible enough to support a reasonable presumption that a gross systemic violation of human rights has indeed occurred, it takes the appropriate decision and forwards it to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights and its working group on communications for endorsement.

The real issue before us now in the wake of the intro-

duction of this new hot line is whether such a line would advance the cause of human rights beyond the stage of familiarising more and more people about the availability of the High Commissioner to receive complaints from individuals or groups who otherwise would not have submitted such complaints. The answer must of course lie in what the centre is prepared to do with the thousands of daily allegations of human rights abuses. Better still, what is going to be the criteria that the centre would apply in separating the credible complaints from the facetious ones. It must be borne in mind that the High Commissioner has no independent machinery to investigate the charges brought to his attention and must rely on a rather arbitrary system that tries hard to distinguish substantiated complaints from the shallow ones.

What we specifically would like to know is what the High Commissioner intends to do with the data accumulated by his hot line? Does he have the man power to examine the data accumulated by it? If any such data is discarded or put in files never to be read again, then what is the sense in reminding the international community about the hot line and then allow the peoples of the world to unrealistically heighten their expectations that something concrete would be done by the High Commissioner and his Centre.

What I respectfully suggest to the High Commissioner is to tell the world that the hot line is not a mere public relations gesture but rather a serious effort to broaden the base of enlightenment on human rights abuses. This cannot be done by the words alone but rather by outlining in so many effective measures that the centre would take seriously enough the information obtained through the hot line and that there is a built-in mechanism to weed out the unsubstantiated allegations. This, I suggest, cannot be accomplished without the support of U.N. regional human rights offices across the globe which can look into all complaints received from their respective region and inform the High Commissioner which ones are credible enough to be pursued and which are not.

The victims of human rights violations need and expect new action oriented mechanisms that are potent enough to make a difference. The last thing that they and human rights activists want is heightened expectations that are not likely to come to fruition. The incumbent High Commissioner is a serious human rights advocate. Much hopes were pinned on his selection as the first high commissioner. Two years after the fact, though, there has not been enough done to his credit or to his post, even though he is personally a very dedicated man to the cause of human rights. As a matter of fact, he was selected by the U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali because of his proven credentials as a man of the highest integrity and dedication. Mr. Lasso has been rightly credited for the successful efforts to create the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights at a time when there were many sceptics within the U.N. General Assembly. But establishing the post proved to be the easy part. Allowing the post to be effective was quite another issue. At a time when we notice that the High Commissioner for Refugees enjoys considerable powers, the High Commissioner for Human Rights has been left with few mandates.

The best evidence of this is the decision to clip the wings of the post by denying it necessary funding. It seems that the anti-effective human rights forces in the international organisation carried the day at the end when they acquiesced to the creation of the post but refused to urgently needed monetary transfusions. In essence the General Assembly took away with one hand what it gave by the other. Accordingly the High Commissioner for Human Rights was left with no other option except to introduce measures that are not too effective, like the much talked about hot line, since he has no money or support to do more. U.N. state members who are genuinely supportive of the man and his post are now called upon to prove their concern for human rights by making the post of high commissioner for human rights a truly effective one.



What do you expect after the work of millions is wiped out?

By Jeremy Rifkin

WASHINGTON — A new study reports that one in three American black men in their 20s is imprisoned, on probation or on parole. The breakdown of the African-American family and drug abuse are often cited as the immediate causes. A look back at the economic roots of the present crisis offers a far more telling explanation.

In the mid-1950s, automation began taking its toll in the manufacturing sector. Hardest hit were unskilled jobs in the very industries where black workers were concentrated. From 1953 to 1962, 1.6 million blue-collar jobs were lost in the manufacturing sector.

While the unemployment rate for black Americans had never exceeded 8.5 per cent from 1947 to 1953 and the white rate of unemployment had never gone beyond 4.6 per cent, by 1964 blacks were experiencing an unemployment rate of 12 per cent while white unemployment was only 5.9 per cent.

The civil rights activist Tom Kahn wrote grimly in 1964: "It is as if racism, having put the Negro in his economic place, stepped aside to watch technology destroy that place."

The introduction of computers and numerical control technology on the factory floor in the 1960s accel-

erated the displacement process. Sidney Wilhelm summed up the historical significance of what had taken place at the time in his book "Who Needs The Negro?"

"With the onset of automation, the Negro moves out of his historical state of oppression into one of uselessness. Increasingly, he is not so much economically exploited as he is irrelevant... The dominant whites no longer need to exploit the black minority. As automation proceeds, it will be easier for the former to disregard the latter."

Thirty years later, African-American men are being incarcerated in unprecedented numbers. Drug-related crime is the immediate cause for the rise in criminal activity, but underneath lies a far more menacing reality: an entire people rendered powerless and hopeless by a society that no longer needs their labour.

Today the same technological and economic forces are beginning to affect large numbers of white male workers, with potentially ominous consequences for society at large. Sophisticated computers, telecommunications, robotics and other Information Age technologies are fast replacing human beings in virtually every sector and industry. Factories with almost no workers and "vir-

tual" companies loom on the horizon.

The emerging "knowledge sector" and new markets abroad will create some new jobs, but they are likely to be far too few to absorb the millions of workers displaced by the new technologies. That is because the Information Age economy is based on the use of over smaller elite workforces combined with automated technologies to process goods and services, whereas the industrial economy relied on mass human labour to produce goods and services.

The steady decline of mass labour threatens to undermine the foundations of modern society. For nearly 200 years, the heart of the social contract and the measure of individual human worth have centred on the value of each person's labour. How does society even begin to adjust to a new economic era in which most people's labour is increasingly devalued and even made worthless?

Every nation will have to grapple with the question of what to do with the millions of people whose labour is needed less, or not at all.

The growth of the penal economy is one way to address the growing social unrest, crime and violence. If we continue along that path, Americans are likely to see increasing numbers of males in jail in the years

to come.

The alternative is a soul-searching, nationwide debate on how best to share the vast productivity gains of the emerging Information Age to give every American both a place and a stake in the economic future of the country.

We are being swept up into a powerful technology revolution that offers the promise of a great social transformation, unlike any in history. The new high-technology revolution could mean fewer hours of work and greater benefits for millions. For the first time in modern history, large numbers of human beings could be liberated from long hours in the formal marketplace to be free to pursue family responsibilities, civic obligations and leisure activities.

If, however, the productivity gains of the Information Age are not shared, but rather used primarily to enhance corporate profit, chances are that the growing gap between the haves and the have-nots will lead to widespread social disintegration and increased crime and imprisonment.

The writer, author of "The End of Work: The Decline of the Global Labour Force and the Dawn of the Post-Market Era," contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times.

LETTERS

Embankments — for floods?

To the Editor:

ALI KASSEY, in his light and interesting way (IT OCCURRED TO ME - OCT. 18), told us why we would all rather walk in the middle of the street (and maybe risk our lives) than on the pavement, which is "designed like a commando course." I have mulled over the same phenomenon myself and would like to add a few observations.

Our sidewalks on our narrow one-way street on Jabal Hussein had almost disappeared last year with the latest tarring of the street, and so we were all glad when the workers came to raise the pavement on the sides of the street. But it seems that they wanted to insure that the street level would not reach the pavement level for at least another 100 years of tarring. People in the neighbourhood pleaded with the workers to take off at least 5 centimetres from the height, as the new height prevented you from parking your car next to the curb and opening the door. "Can't do it—these are the regulations," was the stock reply.

And so we have our commando course on Jabal Hussein. If you park your car on the right, the passenger has to get out before you park the car. Similarly, when he wants to board, he has to wait until you pull out away from the curb. And you know what happens when you are stopped in the middle of the street and cars have to wait — instant-horn-reflex.

If there is no room for you to park on the right side of the street, then you park on the left, of course. Here you have two choices: the first is to park your car next to the curb and then climb over the seat on the right and get out (remember the driver's door is against that imposing pavement). The other choice (which is always ruin) is to park your car at least one metre from the curb so that you can open your door and get out. This, of course, can be risky in an already narrow street. The buses and garbage trucks have a real navigational challenge getting down our street.

Oh well, a few scrapes and clipped off mirrors isn't all that bad — it keeps the garages in business. One thing, though, is comforting: any flood that comes roaring down our street will never get over these massive embankments we have erected on both sides of the street.

Bob Robertson,
Amman.

Saving lives before MENA

To the Editor:

AT THE intersection outside our house the number of car collisions peaked during the summer at about a rate of one per week.

The damage ranges from minor accompanied by much shouted acrimony, to major with the garden wall of the house diagonally opposite ours decimated and the occupants of the involved vehicles taken away to hospital. Police have been summoned to the scene many times.

Then miraculously, one month ago two small stop signs appeared. Alas, the one on our side of the junction was toppled after a mere two weeks and after lying for several days, vanished altogether.

At present, legion municipality workers are to be seen around West Amman busily erecting benches and other eye-pleasing features to impress MENA conference participants.

But it is probably too much to hope for the reappearance of our sign which might actually achieve something like saving life and limb.

Catherine Redden,
Um Uthaina,
Amman.

King says Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty a landmark in the region's progress towards a comprehensive and just peace

'We are full of hope that (MENA) will realise its desired objectives'

FOLLOWING IS the full text of the speech which His Majesty King Hussein gave at the United Nations Sunday on the occasion of the UN's 50th anniversary

IT IS with pleasure that I greet you all, and express my great pride to be among you today, to represent my country, Jordan, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Organisation. As I address my sincere felicitations to their excellencies the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Security Council, I recall with esteem the founders who worked diligently and with sincerity to engrain the principles of international legitimacy, to develop the role of this organisation, and to safeguard its noble message.

I may not be the eldest head of state among you; but God has willed that I should be the longest serving, and the one who has dealt with the United Nations for the longest period. This has permitted me to follow its development over decades. I recall at an early age, witnessing the endeavours of men like Trygve Lie and Count Bernadotte who died while working for peace, and of Ralph Bunche. Later, I met and befriended others like the distinguished Dag Hammarskjöld, the great man of principles who died while carrying out his duty to the United Nations. I also recall others who had the honour of administering this organisation, and with whom we worked for peace in our region like Ambassador Pierre Spinnelli.

Our relations with this organisation have always been close and positive, although we live in a region that suffered from instability and conflict for long decades. We have always conformed with the charter and noble principles of the organisation, and we have cooperated with it to achieve its objectives. As we acknowledge our debt to the men of the United Nations who have worked over the years to preserve peace in our region, we Jordanians feel proud to have contributed to serve the same lofty ideals in other parts of the world. The number of Jordanians who participated in United Nations peace-keeping missions over the years has reached 14,993. In the former Yugoslavia, the Jordanian contingent that took part in the U.N. peace-keeping force was the second largest, and Jordan was the fifth country in the world in terms of its contribution to this honourable cause.

My country is small in its size and resources, but it is large in its ambitions. This country has suffered enormously from the successive wars in the Middle East, which resulted in the tragedy of the Palestinian people.

We in Jordan have absorbed the human consequences of their plight in an honourable way that is without parallel in the region. Jordan became the sanctuary and the homeland of all, regardless of their origins or the reason for their presence on our soil. When the cold war was terminated, we had the opportunity to end the Middle East conflict, and to replace it by peace. We were fully aware that the comprehensive peace which we sought, called for wisdom and courage from all leaders. It required them to have faith in the rule of international legitimacy to settle the differences among their peoples. We embarked on this path with confidence, and we achieved, in a short time, what many had deemed impossible. Today we celebrate the first anniversary of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty, which we hope will be a landmark in the region's progress towards a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace, that will enable all its peoples to resume their quest for development, to build a better life for future generations.

During the past year we have dealt in a comprehensive manner with all the terms of the treaty, with future relations between Jordan and Israel, and with the diverse areas of cooperation between us. I am glad to announce from this platform that young pilots from the Jordanian and Israeli air forces, who were at the forefront of their respective countries' armed forces that threatened each other yesterday in the state of the war, during the truce, and in the state of no war and no peace, flew today in joint formation in the skies of their two countries, the countries that regained their full rights through their peace treaty. The pilots flew over their main cities to honour their comrades who have fallen, to salute their people, and to embody peace, and the commitment to safeguard it. This is the peace which we sought. It is based on mutual respect and confidence. It does not need the presence of international forces separating the two sides, nor international observers to verify the truth of our commitment to peace.

The link between peace and stability on the one hand, and social and economic growth on the other, is dialectic. Peace, poverty, and backwardness cannot mix in one region. Based on this, the Amman economic summit, which opens in a few days, inaugurates a new start in the quest for the comprehensive development of the region. It asserts the principle of cooperation between the peoples of the region to improve their standards of living, and in so doing, to consolidate peace. We are full of hope that the conference will realise its desired objectives, contribute to the growth of the region, to overcome the negative consequences of decades of conflict, and usher in a better future.

Permit me, on this occasion, to thank this organisation, and its secretary general, for announcing last Friday, the establishment of the international leadership academy in Jordan. This academy, for rational leadership, will be the first of its kind in the world. It will be the first branch of the United Nations University in the Middle East, which will work to build bridges of human contacts among future leaders. It will give them the opportunity for dialogue and exchange between them and their diverse cultures. It will prepare programmes and courses that enrol leaders in the political, social, economic, religious, and cultural sectors from all over the world, to foster dialogue, understanding, and cooperation between peoples and civilisations.

Fifty years have passed since this organisation was founded. During this time, some of its member countries have undergone fundamental changes. This is a good moment to review the organisation, structure, and systems of its institutions, which regulate the nature and conditions of membership in each one. Of prime importance is a review of the Security Council and its nature of membership in it, so that the organisation may reflect today's world, as opposed to that of 50 years ago. This is essential for the United Nations to rejuvenate itself, and fulfil its role with efficiency, capability, and credibility, that reinforces the faith of its members in its principles and ability to cope with the challenges before it.

Many regions of the world today continue to suffer from tensions and conflicts. Others dwell in the shadow of war and the resultant poverty, backwardness, ignorance, and abuse of human rights. They live under dictatorship and tyranny, deprived of freedom and democracy. It is high time that the international community and the human conscience moved to lift their suffering and help them to overcome their difficulties and plight. In this respect, Jordan will continue to strive, propelled by its faith and convictions, to be a living example of harmonious pluralism, in freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights.

Peace and security are integral parts of a whole. Stability cannot be rooted unless poverty, backwardness, and tyranny are eliminated. This can be achieved through cooperation between members of the whole international community, making a united stand, in order to face these challenges that carry the greatest opportunities, and, at the same time, gravest dangers. I salute you, I wish for this organisation all success, and may God bless you all.



Jordan will continue to strive, propelled by its faith and convictions, to be a living example of harmonious pluralism, in freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights.

forces, who were at the forefront of their respective countries' armed forces that threatened each other yesterday in the state of the war, during the truce, and in the state of no war and no peace, flew today in joint formation in the skies of their two countries, the countries that regained their full rights through their peace treaty. The pilots flew over their main cities to honour their comrades who have fallen, to salute their people, and to embody peace, and the commitment to safeguard it. This is the peace which we sought. It is based on mutual respect and confidence. It does not need the presence of international forces separating the two sides, nor international observers to verify the truth of our commitment to peace.

In irony of war, Serbs now suffer at former prison site

By Julijana Mojsilovic
The Associated Press

OMARSKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Once Muslims suffered here as prisoners in a Serb-run camp. Now, fortunes have shifted and Serb refugees jam the grounds of an old iron mine.

"I feel like a walking shadow," said Davorka Kuzmanovic, fighting back tears as she breast-fed her 10-month-old daughter.

Kuzmanovic, 25, and her baby are among some 50,000 Serb civilians who have fled toward the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka ahead of recent government and Croatian assaults that have touched off another refugee crisis.

As Bosnian Serb leaders sought to spread blame for battlefield losses that forced their civilians to flee, Kuzmanovic had more material concerns: gathering rain clouds and her next meal.

"When you don't have anywhere to go, when you don't know whether your child will have something to eat the next day, then you don't care about politics," she said, sitting on a few belongings atop a small tractor with only a nylon tarp for shelter.

"People are dying in this camp."

People have died here before. Omarska was among the most notorious prison camps set up when rebel Serbs overran much

of Bosnia in 1992. Footage of emaciated Muslim prisoners shocked the world and focused outrage on Bosnian Serb atrocities.

Today, more than 25,000 Serb refugees are struggling to survive there. Some have found shelter in a mine building. Others huddle in the open. Sanitation is appalling, and the camp supervisor said they can meet only two per cent of the refugees' food needs.

Elderly people, refusing

to talk, sit on blankets as they fix their gazes on the camp gates, seemingly hoping for help from somewhere. Aid officials say some of the elderly at Omarska have died, but nobody knows how many.

U.N. and Red Cross relief agencies are trying to rush aid to Omarska, but are overwhelmed by the scale of the refugee problem throughout northwestern Bosnia.

"At this moment, we are watching something unfold

which we can only explain as a total disaster," said an International Red Cross official, John Sparrow, in Sarajevo.

Said Jean-Marie Boucher of the World Food Program: "We cannot deliver food aid fast enough to the Banja Luka area. Entire villages are on the move."

The fleeing Serbs get little sympathy in some quarters, especially among Bosnian Muslims and Croats who suffered horri-

bly here when the Serbs seemed invincible. Moreover, similar refugee scenes are emerging to the south in Muslim-led government territory, where camps have been inundated by Muslims expelled from Serb territory in recent weeks.

A five-day-old cease-fire seems to have quelled the fighting almost everywhere in Bosnia except the north-west, where combatants are grabbing for territory before negotiations on

a U.S.-sponsored peace plan. The refugees seem to be the pawns in this brutal endgame.

Kuzmanovic said she didn't want to flee Sanski most, a front-line town overrun by anti-Serb forces last week. "But then I thought about my baby, and decided to go," she said.

"I just felt I didn't have the right to risk her life. What about mine? It's finished anyway."

King addresses U.N.

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participant in U.N. peacekeeping operations around the world. "The number of Jordanians who participated in United Nations peacekeeping missions over the years has reached 14,993. In former Yugoslavia, the Jordanian

contingent that took part in the U.N. peacekeeping force was the second largest (after France), and Jordan was the fifth country in the world in terms of contribution to this honourable cause," said the King.

King meets Arafat, Rabin

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(U.N.) Hassan Abu Nimrah.

Also Sunday King Hussein met with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and discussed with him the latest developments in the Middle East peace process and the achievements made so far in the implementation of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty. King Hussein and Mr. Rabin stressed the need to support the peace process and to ensure its success on all tracks so that peace will prevail in the entire region.

In a statement following the meeting with Mr. Rabin, King Hussein voiced hope that comprehensive peace prevail in the region.

On Saturday, Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor took part in a celebration held at St. Patrick Cathedral to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, and attended a dinner hosted by New York mayor. The dinner was also attended by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and his wife.

Israel presents pullback plan

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the agreement extending autonomy to most Arab-populated areas in the West Bank last month. Self-rule began in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho in May 1994.

The sides plan to start talks on the final status of the West Bank and Gaza next May. The Palestinians are expected to demand full statehood.

A poll released Sunday showed that 72 per cent of Palestinians support the Israel-PLO agreement calling for the redeployment, and almost half believe it will lead

to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

The poll of 1,144 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza was conducted last week by the Centre for Palestinian Research and Studies, an independent think-tank based in Nabhus.

Sixty-eight per cent of the respondents said they plan to take part in the first Palestinian elections, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 20. But only slightly more than half thought the elections would be fair, and 22 per cent thought they would not be fair.

'Passport extension apolitical'

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Ba'ath parties that identify with the factions of the Ba'ath ruling parties in Iraq and Syria and two other parties affiliated to Palestinian groups based in Syria.

He said that these political parties were violating the law and might face action by his ministry which is entrusted with monitoring party activity.

Asked what action the government intended to take against professional unions that force their members not to normalise with Israel or face expulsion, the minister said: "The government will propose legislation to Parliament to address the issue in the House's next ordinary session" which starts in December.

He did not elaborate on

the nature of the proposed legislation, however.

Asked whether the government was planning a general pardon on the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's 60th birthday on Nov. 14, Minister Hammad said that such a move was the "prerogative of His Majesty the King."

"I have not prepared any law in this regard," he said.

Asked about measures the government was taking to address the issue of foreign labourers who work in the Kingdom without obtaining residence or work permits, the minister said their problem would be solved with their employers in coordination with the Ministry of Labour. "There will not be any forced or mass expulsions," he asserted.

World marks U.N. anniversary

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failure of member states to pay their dues.

Members owe the United Nations \$3 billion. The biggest debtor is the United States, \$1.3 billion in arrears.

Mr. Clinton, who spoke nine minutes beyond the five-minute limit allotted each speaker, said he was determined to meet the United States' financial obligations to the United Nations.

But, he added, "the U.N. must be able to show that the money received supports saving and enriching people's lives, not bureaucratic overhead."

General Assembly President Diogo Freitas do Amaral of Portugal, who opened the session, urged reform, but added: "We must not allow this organisation to die at the hands of its critics." In welcoming remarks, Secretary-General Boutros

Ghali said the United Nations had a vital role to play in such fields as human rights, international law, peacekeeping, development and the environment.

"But the United Nations cannot play this role if the present trend continues," he said. "The problem of globalisation and fragmentation have caused vast responsibilities to be given to the U.N. but the U.N. has not been given the resources required to accomplish the tasks imposed."

He asked members to consider calling a special session of the General Assembly to deal with the financial crisis, an action some world leaders also promoted.

Leaders will hold scores of one-on-one meetings on issues ranging from the war in Bosnia to U.S.-China relations and peace in the Middle East.

Jordanians remember late premier

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Mrs. Mufti recollected how Sharif Abdul Hamid insisted on establishing special centres for delinquents instead of detaining them and how much was he interested in the establishment and development of a national movement for voluntary work.

"He used to say: The call for political change is useless if it were not directed at changing the individual. How can we establish successful democratic institutions if they were not premised on the belief by men and women in democracy. Freedoms and shura principles?" Mrs. Mufti said.

According to Mrs. Mufti, the first woman minister in Jordan, Sharif Abdul Hamid believed that sustained development in any country hinges on the development of a comprehensive educational system and respect for human rights.

Ali Suheimat, a former deputy prime minister, talked about the late statesman's economic policies and how they were perceived in the Jordanian society at that time. He said that Sharif Abdul Hamid predicted an economic recession if dependence on foreign aid was not reduced.

"If (we) only understood the wisdom behind his concern for reducing consumption, (we) would not have ridiculed his whole policy on the need to 'rationalise consumption'," as it was called at the time, he said.

A former minister of information, Mahmoud Sharif, talked about the late prime minister's vision for a better society especially in terms of ideology.

"While I was still influ-

enced by the Islamic projects, he was more pan-Arab. It is true that he did not believe in the establishment of a state based on religious beliefs but nor did he believe in (existing) pan-Arab movements," Mr. Sharif pointed out.

"Abdul Hamid Sharaf was thinking of a modern secular country, democratic, and based on human rights principles," he said.

Born in Baghdad in 1939, Sharif Abdul Hamid received his higher education at the American University in Beirut (AUB) and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Three years later, he received a master's degree from the same university in international relations.

He began his government service career as director of the Arab and Palestinian Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry, a post he held until 1963 when he was appointed director general of Radio Jordan.

In 1964 he was returned to the Foreign Ministry as director of the Department of International Organisations. He served as assistant chief of the Royal Court from 1964-65 and became minister of culture and information in 1965.

In 1967, he went to the United States, first as ambassador in Washington until 1972, and later as Jordan's permanent representative to the United Nations. From 1976-79, he was chief of the Royal Court.

"He did not die," said Ms. Mufti. "He is always alive and his thoughts and policies will always be with us."

Al Hayat, journalist charged

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national unity, inciting crime and planting the seeds of hatred and division among members of the society," in accordance to the Press and Publications Law and the Penal Code. Mr. Ne'matt is also accused of writing for a newspaper without being a licensed journalist, as he is not a member in the Jordanian Press Association.

In his compiled report of the case referred to court, Mr. Zoubi charged that Mr. Ne'matt could name neither those who allegedly were on the payroll of the Iraqi government nor his (Ne'matt's) sources, according to legal sources.

"This particular charge is groundless," Mr. Ne'matt said, because "during the investigation, what I said was that I refuse to reveal my sources because the law gives me the right not to do so except in court, and only in specific cases as stipulated in the Press and Publications Law."

Under the current press law, which was adopted in May 1993, reporters should reveal their sources if the court decides "this would protect national security, pre-

vent crime or attain justice." Mr. Ne'matt said that he "plans to file a libel suit against Masarweh for slander in two columns he has written in Al Ra'i."

"The Saudi Al Hayat will not get away with (abusing) the freedom of journalism and journalists in Jordan. What Al Hayat represents and the services it offers do not (qualify) it to deal with freedoms," charged Mr. Masarweh, alluding to the affiliations of the London-based daily, which is owned by a Saudi businessman.

It is not yet known when the first court session will be held, but sources say that Mr. Ne'matt is most likely to be summoned early next month.

Mr. Khazen will not be attending the trial, but according to Kheirallah Kheirallah, the managing editor of Al Hayat, "the paper and its management stand behind (Ne'matt)." He told the Jordan Times in a telephone interview, adding that "we have full confidence in the credibility and integrity of our correspondent."

If found guilty, Mr. Ne'matt and Mr. Khazen could face fines and imprisonment.

IAF grapples with

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the front's executive bureau then decided to freeze the membership of Dr. Sa'eed for three months and Dr. Abu Zant for six months and to warn Dr. Kofahi. The measures were dismissed by the three deputies as not being the right of the executive bureau.

"It is so normal that differences arise within the front," said IAF deputy from Zarqa

Mohammad Haj, "But the final decisions taken at (Friday) meeting were passed with an overwhelming majority."

Among other decisions, the Shura council decided in its extraordinary meeting on Friday on the establishment of a central court in its headquarters in Amman as well as other courts at all IAF branches.

Dr. Sa'eed, who was elected as reserve member of the central court, refused to comment on the meeting.

Economy

Peace will bring tourism boom to Middle East — tour companies

CAIRO (AFP) — The tourism industry is expected to grow four times faster in the Middle East than in the rest of the world because of the region's peace process, the head of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTTC) said.

"This boom can create jobs across the whole economy and a new form of wealth that the region has not experienced before," Geoffrey Lippman told reporters Saturday at the 11th summit of the World Tourism Organisation in Cairo.

"We have enormous faith in this region," Mr. Lippman said, adding that peace would allow tourists to cross freely borders to visit multiple sites, such as Jerusalem, the pyramids in Egypt and the ancient city of Petra in Jordan.

A regional economic summit held last October in Casablanca, Morocco pointed to tourism "as a key

element in the peace process," said a WTTTC study, which is to be submitted to a follow-up summit in Amman at the end of this month.

The Arab World, from Morocco to the Gulf, has attracted only 2.3 per cent of the total tourist dollars spent across the world, a share of \$78.7 billion, the study said.

Its share went down from 1992, when it stood at \$91 billion, 2.8 per cent of world tourism income, a drop the study attributed to the fall in oil prices.

In 1995 travel and tourism would contribute 8.7 per cent of the region's gross domestic product, 10.1 per cent of all employment and 9.8 per cent of indirect tax income, the study said.

The sector will take in 8.5 per cent of investment in the area, an amount equivalent to only 2.7 per cent of the world's total tourism investment.

But "there are signs of a turnaround largely as a result of the peace process and prospects for travel and tourism growth to and within the region are considered to be fairly bullish," the study said.

The Arab countries' share in world tourism is "forecast to almost double to four per cent by 2005, increasing at almost four times the world average."

The sector's "total direct and indirect output contribution" should grow by 207 per cent in real terms over the next decade to reach \$332 billion, it added.

In 2005, international tourists' spending in the region should reach \$43.9 billion, up 290 per cent from its present size.

While the spending of Arab tourists abroad will grow to \$15.3 billion, compared to \$4.5 billion today, the result would be a trade surplus of \$28.6 billion, up

from the \$6.7 billion tourism trade surplus in 1995.

But the surplus in the tourism sector will also face the region's swelling deficit in trade, which is expected to rise from \$90 billion this year to \$515.3 billion by 2005.

Tourism's role in employment will also grow, from contributing one job in 10 now to one job in nine, an increase of 3.3 million jobs linked directly or indirectly to tourism, about 900 per day.

The WTTTC, which groups 75 presidents of the world's main private tourism companies, drew up a series of recommendations for Arab governments during the six-day conference which closed Sunday.

The states should create a regional association for tourism and open their markets by liberalising air travel and easing visa restrictions, it said.

GCC ministers to decide on unified tariffs

DUBAI (R) — Official talks on unifying tariffs among the six Gulf states, key to a free trade accord with the European Union (EU), have been raised to ministerial level for a decision, an official said.

"Now it has been passed up to the ministerial level," said the United Arab Emirates (UAE) customs council chairman Obaid Saqr Busit.

"There is still some disagreement," he told Reuters in an interview, adding the long-debated issue was not discussed at a meeting in Riyadh of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) customs officials earlier this month.

Since 1983 the GCC — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE and Oman — has set numerous

deadlines for introducing unified tariffs and establishing a Gulf common market.

The tariff issue came under the spotlight again last week in the Omani capital Muscat during high-level GCC-EU talks on how to increase trade and investment.

Head of the EU delegation Juan Prat said the GCC — which exports goods worth about \$22 billion to the EU but still suffers a deficit of about \$15 billion with Europe — had to unify its diverging tariffs.

"We are trying to get them to be a customs union," he said.

Duties on most goods range from four to 12 per

cent. Higher duties are imposed on items such as alcohol and tobacco.

In August 1994, the UAE began enforcing a uniform four per cent tariff on most imports. Until then emirates of the seven-member federation had set varying tariffs, some as low as one per cent.

"We feel we have done our job, now it is for the rest of the states to do theirs," Mr. Busit said.

But some states, suffering large budget deficits due to low oil prices in the past few years, had come to rely on customs duties to bolster flagging government revenues.

"Duties generate income and have become the major income for some countries,"

he said.

Despite the hurdles, Mr. Busit was still optimistic that uniform tariffs could eventually be achieved. "I feel there will be a kind of unification in the future," he said.

The main issues discussed in Riyadh were reducing documentation and moving to automated customs procedures.

"We are looking for uniform documentation," Mr. Busit said, adding that the UAE had proposed computerised customs dealings.

"We want a paperless environment," he added.

Work by the six Arab Gulf states on a common system of goods classification was progressing well, Mr. Busit said.

Arab Gulf countries face financial hurdles in oil expansion

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Arab Gulf states have the potential to regain their prestige in the oil market given their immense crude reserves but financial problems remain a key obstacle, experts said.

The experts who held a two-day conference in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this week agreed Gulf states were still the main suppliers of energy although their rule has sharply receded in face of the growing oil sector elsewhere.

But as supplies from non-Gulf sources are projected to start shrinking after 2000, the gap will be bridged by Saudi Arabia and other oil heavyweights in the region, the experts noted.

"The capacity to produce this oil, and the ability to bring it onstream extremely rapidly, effectively made the Gulf the shelf inventory for the international industry," a Western oil analyst said in a paper to the conference.

"But the Gulf oil industry will encounter many different challenges in the coming years," he pointed out adding: "In the near future, the local industry will have to cope with being a market participant in a competitive global industry while the local economies are encountering fiscal constraints and budgetary shortfalls."

Oil giants — Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and the UAE — have plans to boost their crude production capacity

to face world demand.

Independent estimates have put the costs of such expansion projects and maintenance of fields at more than \$80 billion.

Iran aims to push output capacity up to five million b/d from 3.6 million b/d while Kuwait and the UAE are expected to spend around \$10 billion to raise production to at least three million b/d each.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer and exporter, has approved a \$2.5 billion project to develop its giant border Shaybah field to produce 500,000 b/d, bringing its total sustainable capacity to around 10 million b/d.

"Domestic financial constraints remain the most

credible hurdle facing long-term capacity expansion plans and prospects," a study at the conference said.

The five Gulf oil big powers, which currently produce nearly a quarter of the world's crude supplies, have been reeling under financial strains because of low oil prices, war costs and growing defence spending.

Iran and Iraq have been hardest hit as they strive to recover from costly military confrontations while Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been saddled with accumulating debt due to large payments for the 1991 Gulf war.

The UAE is the only exception as its crude production is far higher than during the 1980s and funds and technology are available through its foreign partners.

Foreign partners were kicked out by other Gulf states during the 1960s but some producers are considering to readmit them.

World trade chiefs support regional blocs

HARROGATE, England (R) — World trade chiefs meeting to set fresh policy initiatives and iron out thorny disputes have decided that regional trade alliances do not threaten their plans to liberalise global commerce flows.

A sudden proliferation of regional blocks seen over the past decade would help rather than hinder multilateral trade provided they did, not raise fresh barriers to the outside world, ministers at weekend talks of the quadrilateral group said.

But the high-powered meeting in historic Ripley Castle rebuffed China's bid to join the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on grounds that it still had a long way to go before meeting tough criteria demanded by the world's newest trade club.

European Union (EU) trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, who hosted the two days of talks between the EU, the United States, Japan and Canada, worded the decision diplomatically.

"We are agreed that China joining the WTO is an important objective... but we think it was to be done on the basis of

acceptance of fundamental rules of the WTO," he said.

His American counterpart, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, was far more blunt.

No major trading nation had been "impressed" by Beijing's offer so far and China had to work hard to respond to their concerns by acting on a "commercially reasonable basis" he said.

Setting the stage for the first ministerial meeting of the WTO in Singapore next December was a key item on the agenda of this round of quad talks, which take place twice a year.

Trade officials said the new body, which emerged in January from the framework of GATT (General Agreement for Tariffs and Trade) would pay close attention to regional accords, which they now see as the best way of boosting multilateral commerce.

"The regional arrangements... there are around

69 now... are laboratories for change... they create a basis on which the multilateral system can grow and be enhanced," Mr. Kantor said.

Sir Brittan agreed. "We all take the view that provided initiatives of this kind consist of lowering embargoes internally and not raising them to the outside world they can be a contributory force to the liberalisation of world trade and not a negative one," he said.

But in bilateral talks on the sidelines of the main conference, irksome disputes simmered.

Alleged U.S. bugging of Japanese telephone calls in car talks with American executives in June was not discussed openly.

But Japanese Trade Minister Ryutard Hashimoto said he had let Mr. Kantor know he was seriously "displeased" and Japanese officials said privately Tokyo may use the issue as a bargaining chip in future negotiations.

In their one-to-one meetings, Mr. Hashimoto and Mr. Kantor also failed to make headway on a recent Fuji-Kodak photographic film row and they disagreed over whether to extend a controversial semiconductor pact when it expires next July.

EU officials rejected Canada's plea to postpone a ban next year on imports of fur from animals caught in leg-hold traps — a position which also affects exports from the United States.

On a more positive note, the EU made big strides in plans to compensate its trade partner for business lost in the aftermath of its expansion to 15 members last January.

WTO official: Mideast countries earned \$5b from tourism in '94

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Peace is paying off for Mideast countries seeking to attract visitors, a tourism official said Saturday.

Revenues from tourism jumped 18.2 per cent across the region, reaching nearly \$5 billion in 1994, said Antonio Enriquez Savignac, secretary-general of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO).

About 9.1 million tourists came to the region, including

Israel and Egypt, a 4.5 per cent increase over 1993, he said.

"I hope more are coming with peace prevailing in the area," Mr. Savignac said. "The Middle East is rich with places attracting tourists and is rich with its cultural diversity."

The World Tourism Organisation is holding its conference in Cairo this week, gathering 67 tourism ministers and more than 700 dele-

gates from 120 countries. The conference ends Sunday.

The organisation, based in Madrid, Spain, seeks ways to promote tourism and improve services around the world.

Once a top vacation stop, Lebanon has slowly recovered since the civil war ended in 1990. Mr. Savignac said it earned \$672 million in revenue last year, its best mark since the war's end.

THE Daily Crossword by Samuel K. Fliegner

ACROSS

1 Greek cheese

5 Ring used in a game

10 Flat-bottomed boat

14 Kind of test

15 Wed

16 Siamese

17 Records, in a way

19 Goes astray

20 Foot part

21 Airport near Paris

22 Cylindrical

24 Quote

25 Refuge

26 Trophy for Hanks

29 Fortune's companion

30 Wood sorrel

33 Yearning

34 Mobile sculptor

36 Rev the motor

37 Before pike and coat

38 Bermuda or Vidalia

39 Forehead

40 TV movie channel

41 Objective

42 Dalai —

43 Goller Sneed

44 Roman poet

45 Comic's forte

46 Of the eye

48 Partially open

50 Gaelic legendary hero

52 Kin of etc.

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57 Sequence of events

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Yesterday's puzzle solved:

3 Radial

4 Hubbub

5 Plying whip

6 Family circle member

7 Uncurious

8 Follower; suff.

9 Will

10 Cubic meter

11 Inscription, of a kind

12 Throne feature

13 Sagacious

18 Rouge et —

23 Finished

24 French city

25 Wore

26 Swearwords

27 Diving equipment

28 Gene carrier

29 — out (baseball term)

31 Former NY governor

32 Sadal

34 Brings around

35 Cap

39 Smudge

41 Whit

45 Nimbus

47 Cheap skate

48 Bikini, e.g.

49 Blair or Reno

50 Gymnast Korbut

51 Cleanser

52 Therefore

53 Lignite

54 Fairy tale heavy

55 Auld Lang —

58 Schmaltzy performer

59 Journey division

GIASBERGEN



"I always flush the toilet when you're in the shower. It makes you perkier at breakfast!"

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CANYF

BLACOT

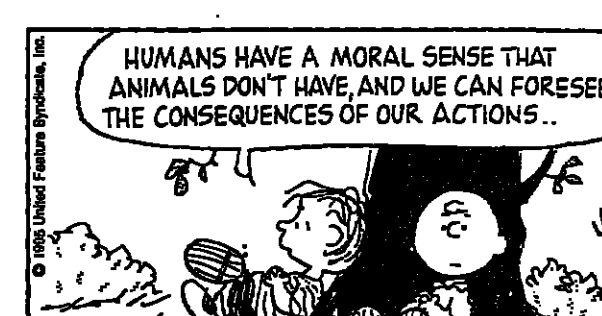
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Yesterday's Jumbles: YOUNG SNORT JABBER FACIAL

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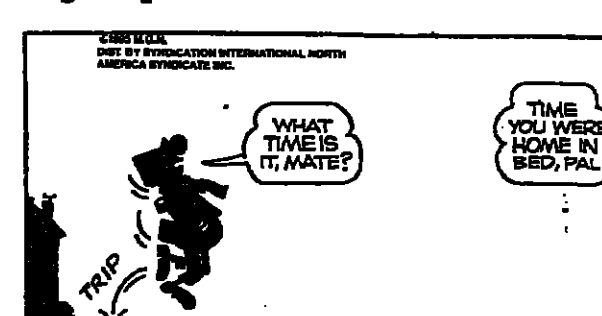


HUMANS HAVE A MORAL SENSE THAT ANIMALS DON'T HAVE, AND WE CAN FORESEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS..

AND YOU KNOW WHO SAID THAT? CARL SAGAN!

CARL WHO?

Andy Cap



WHAT TIME IS IT, MATE?

TIME YOU WERE HOME IN BED, PAL

OH, SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, IS IT?

JUST WAIT TILL NEXT TIME YOU GET ME IN TO HELP WITH YOUR INQUIRIES!

Mutt'n' Jeff



I SEE YOU'RE STILL IN THE HABIT OF WRITING 1957 INSTEAD OF 1995

NO I'M NOT!

BUT YOU JUST WROTE 1957! WHY DIDN'T YOU WRITE 1958?

I DON'T HAVE A 1958 CALENDAR!

BESIDES, I LIKED 1957

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1995

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) As the new week begins today, be sure to follow through with promises you have made to your family and close fellow associates.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Handle your routines most efficiently and get much accomplished during the day-time today. Then make time to visit with friends and close relatives.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Get busy property affairs today and make sure all is going well and if repairs are needed, plan and make them as soon as possible.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Get an early start on those personal interests which can bring you fine progress toward your having success in your professional and personal life.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Plan the activities of later today quietly in such a way which you can have more happiness and success. Sit down with good advisors for some strategy.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You are able to be more analytical and discriminating today. Be sure to show good friends that you truly value their presence in your life.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) An early start in the outside world of activity today can bring you fine benefits. Contact a bigwig who can assist you with your talents.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Putting some new idea into action can bring fine success at this time. If you meet someone of real character, plan to cultivate this person.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You are tuned in to fine people today and you can become more successful by getting to know them better. Any activities resulting from this association can be beneficial.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Try to be more understanding of a sensitive person and avoid hurt feeling as a result of your actions. Be careful while involved in your career activities.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Early today tackle your career activities efficiently and you can accomplish a good deal, and you will receive great benefits as a result of your efforts.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Impress one in authority with your finest talents and get the backing you need to complete a new project assigned. Take no risks where your credit is concerned.

Birthstone of October: Opal — Tourmaline

Jordan to propose \$292 million transport projects to summit

By Francesca Ciriaci
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The transport projects to be proposed by the Jordanian government at the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference, due to open in Amman on Oct. 29, reflect the expectations of a large increase in traffic from tourism and business activity, as a result of the post-peace regional integration process.

The official list of the Jordanian-proposed projects to be submitted at the MENA summit in the transport sector is divided into four different sections: Roads and bridges, sea ports, railways and airports.

In the "airports" section, the Aqaba International Airport project aims at expanding and upgrading the already existing airport with a new passenger terminal building, installation of a new radar control system, improvement of electromechanical systems, airfield lighting, telecommunication and navigational aid systems. The estimated cost of the Aqaba International Airport project is \$36 million and a feasibility study financed by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (TDA) will start in the second half of 1995.

Jordan and Israel are currently studying the possibility to harmonise air traffic in Eilat and Aqaba international airports, to reduce redundancy and to boost Aqaba airport's regional role. Speaking at a symposium in preparation for the forthcoming MENA conference, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last week that a joint Eilat-Aqaba airport is one of the best projects to be presented at the Amman summit.

According to Awad Tall, under-secretary of the Ministry of Transport, projects to upgrade and expand Amman old airport and Queen Alia International Airport will also be presented at the MENA summit.

The section "sea ports" includes a \$25 million project for the construction of a multi-purpose jetty and a \$10 million project for a new 100 metre passenger berth at Aqaba port. According to the project presentation released by the government of Jordan, by the year 1998 the port of Aqaba will need a new jetty to handle exports of cement, potash, fertilisers and new products, such as Dead Sea salts and phosphoric acid. A new berth, instead, will be needed to face the expected increase in passenger traffic to, from and via Aqaba in the new era of peace.

In the "roads and bridges" section, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing will present the "western border highway" project, estimated to cost a total of over \$200 million. According to Abdul Majed Kabarti, director of the Highway Studies Department,

ment at the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, the project aims at promoting the efficient flow of goods, services and people between the countries of the region in the new climate of regional integration.

The "western border highway" project consists of four sub-projects:

— The remaining 12-kilometre section of the 26-kilometre Irbid-North Shuna highway. The Ministry of Public Works and Housing has already completed a first section of the four-lane road and is currently working on the second section. The new highway, whose cost is estimated at \$19 million and whose implementation time is estimated at 20 months, will provide a link between Jordan and northern Israel, facilitating access to and from Mediterranean ports.

A new 17-kilometre, four-lane Aqaba coastal highway, which will serve the traffic to the Saudi border, separating commercial traffic from tourist traffic, which will be absorbed by the already existing coastal highway. This project is estimated to cost \$27 million, designs are being prepared by a local consultant and should be finished by December 1995. Construction time is estimated at 20 months.

— The Kufurhoda-Damja junction highway, designed to provide better access to Amman and Nablus from the Jordan Valley. The new four-lane highway, estimated to

cost approximately \$50 million, will link Amman, Salt, Al Ghor and Prince Mohammad Bridge and it will play a major role in the movement of goods and people between Jordan and the Palestinian self-rule area.

— A four-lane, 120-kilometre North Shuna-South Shuna highway, that will not only facilitate the traffic between northern and southern areas of the Jordan Valley, but will also intersect with all the access roads to the bridges connecting Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian self-rule area and provide a primary link between the Jordan Valley and the Syrian border. The estimated cost for the construction of the North Shuna-South Shuna highway is \$106 million, while construction time is estimated at 36 months.

The Ministry of Public Works and Housing will also submit a project to improve and standardise road connections between Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian self-rule area through four crossing points: Jordan Valley, King Hussein Bridge, Prince Mohammad Bridge, Prince Mohammad Bridge. The four bridges and their related access roads will provide a link between Jordan and Haifa, Jericho, Jerusalem and Nablus. The "Jordan River bridges and access roads" project, which will cost approximately \$48.8 million, will be financed by the government of Jordan and by donors in the propor-

tions of 30 per cent and 70 per cent respectively.

In the "railways" section, the Ministry of Transport is going to present a \$31 million project for a 25-kilometre

railway connection from the Port of Aqaba to the industrial zone at the Wadi II site, main phosphate fertiliser complex. The project also includes a rail link to the

Eshdyia mines and phosphoric acid plants to be built by the Indo-Jordan Chemicals Company (IJC), to handle forecasted increases in phosphate production.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET			
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ORGANIZED MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR SUNDAY 22/10/1995			
COMPANY'S NAME	NO. OF SHARES TRADED	VALUE TRADED	PREV. CLOSING PRICE
BANKING SECTOR			
JORDAN BANK	200	63425	245.000 243.250
JORDAN NATIONAL BANK	200	880	4.400 4.400
BANK OF JORDAN	950	848	3.650 3.650
MIDDLE EAST INVESTMENT BANK	4400	5290	3.150 3.200
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK	6547	15842	2.450 2.420
JORDAN KOWAT BANK	4282	12186	2.840 2.840
JORDAN GULF BANK	30320	44486	1.150 1.150
ARAB JORDAN INVESTMENT BANK	2000	7500	3.750 3.750
JORDAN TRADING BANK	3325	12278	3.700 3.600
BUSINESS BANK	3000	10370	3.400 3.380
JORDAN INVESTMENT & FINANCE BANK	1600	5992	3.720 3.720
ROYAL SAVINGS INVESTMENT FOR HOUSING	850	2444	3.350 3.350
ARAB BANK FOR INVESTMENT	147500	154771	1.060 1.060
PHILADELPHIA INVESTMENT BANK	24000	21564	1.560 1.550
BANK SECTOR	735927	396026	INDEX NUMBER: 193.14
			CHANGE: -0.56%
INSURANCE SECTOR			
JORDAN FRENCH INSURANCE	100	270	2.670 2.700
INSURANCE SECTOR	100	270	INDEX NUMBER: 130.96
			CHANGE: -0.24%
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR			
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	39799	66705	1.680 1.670
JORDAN HOTEL & TOURISM	5993	8500	8.500 8.500
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT	750	795	1.070 1.060
MACHINERY EQUIP. REPAIRING & MAINTENANCE	1000	680	680 680
UNITED MIDDLE EAST & CONCORDANCE HOTELS	800	1190	2.470 2.380
ARAB TRIP. FOR INVESTMENT & EDUCATION	8150	27925	3.410 3.380
JORDANIAN EXPANDED INVESTMENT HOLDING	10000	11900	1.190 1.190
ZARQA PRIVATE UNIVERSITY	5100	6865	1.360 1.340
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP.	12520	16505	1.090 1.090
SERVICES SECTOR	81207	130160	INDEX NUMBER: 129.42
			CHANGE: -0.73%
ATMOSPHERIC CONST. MATERIAL MANUFACTURING			
THE JORDAN CEMENT FACTORIES	6000	22651	3.700 3.720
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	250	751	3.000 3.010
THE ARAB POTASH	1500	7310	4.820 4.900
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY	1000	10700	8.450 8.400
THE JORDAN WOODSTOCK MILLS	250	1893	7.500 7.570
ARAB PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING	1950	9279	4.780 4.740
THE JORDAN TYPES MANUFACTURING	800	1215	2.440 2.430
THE PUBLIC MINING	250	845	3.380 3.380
SWISS & HEAVY	300	480	1.600 1.600
KAFIA INDUSTRIES	5200	11908	2.280 2.250
DAR AL DAVA DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	1886	13465	7.140 7.110
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	13750	9350	680 680
ARAB PAPER CONVERTING & TRADING	3700	5275	1.430 1.420
REGIONAL INDUSTRIES	4050	4374	1.090 1.080
INTERMEDIATE PETRO CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	1700	3178	1.860 1.860
JORDAN ROCKWOL INDUSTRIES	21000	21798	1.320 1.330
JORDAN SULPHATE-CEMENT	1300	2685	2.060 2.040
ARAB CENTER FOR PLUM. & CHEMICALS	3450	5708	1.620 1.640
KAWTER INVESTMENT	1000	1578	3.180 3.120
UNIVERSAL MODERN INDUSTRIES	9500	16973	2.000 2.000
JORDAN INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES CO.	4650	7372	1.600 1.600
JORDAN NEW CABLE COMPANY	47984	70394	1.470 1.460
INTERNATIONAL TOBACCO & CIGARETTES	136522	243553	INDEX NUMBER: 124.06
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	453755	778016	CHANGE: -0.48%
GRAND TOTAL			INDEX NUMBER: 159.54
			CHANGE: -0.54%

Financial Markets

Foreign Exchange Market Summary (October 16-October 20, 1995)

AMMAN — The U.S. unit depreciated sharply against the mark last week, while depreciating marginally against the yen and stabilising against sterling. It ended the week 2.08 per cent lower against the mark and 0.64 per cent lower against the yen.

The dollar witnessed modest losses against the mark and the yen Monday, while stabilising against sterling. Reports indicating that the dollar retreated despite comments by U.S. Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers that a strong dollar is in the interest of the United States. The dollar was reported to have depreciated against the mark in early trading hours after the Bank of France trimmed its overnight interest rate to 7.0 per cent, which triggered increased demand for the mark.

The U.S. unit continued its depreciation against the mark and the yen Tuesday, while appreciating marginally against sterling. Analysts indicated that continued demand for the French economy, contributed the most to the dollar's decline. Growing concern about whether the White House and the Republican-led Congress would be able to agree on means of trimming the U.S. budget also weighed on the dollar. The dollar also depreciated following the release of negative U.S. economic data. U.S. industrial production fell by 0.2 per cent in September, compared to a rise of 1.1 per cent in August, while capacity utilisation slid to 83.8 per cent from 84.2 per cent in August.

The dollar appreciated against other major currencies Wednesday, however, due to traders' reaction to the release of U.S. balance of payment data. It was revealed that the U.S. trade deficit had contracted to \$8.82 billion in August, from a revised deficit of \$11.19 billion in July, while analysts had expected a trade deficit of \$11.0 billion. Many analysts casted doubts on the significant improvement in the U.S. trade gap in August, however, considering that major trading partners, such as Mexico and Japan, were witnessing sluggish economic performance.

The dollar fell sharply against the mark Thursday, following the release of German money supply data, which showed an annualised rise of 1.5 per cent in German M3 during the first nine months of this year, compared to an annualised rise of 0.3 per cent during the first eight months. The significant rise in the money supply cast doubt on the Bundesbank's widely expected monetary easing in the short-term. Similarly, the U.S. unit depreciated against the mark and the yen at the end of the week, while appreciating marginally against sterling. Reports indicated that political uncertainty in Italy and the announcement of former Italian prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi's party that it will oppose the proposed 1996 Italian budget, triggered demand for the mark. Increased tension between the White House and the Republican-led Congress, concerning the U.S. budget, also contributed to the dollar's decline.

The U.S. unit ended the week at 1.3975 marks, 100.33 yen and at \$1.5753 to sterling.

— USD Per STG

Euro-Currency Interest Rates*			
Currency	Oct. 13 - 1995	Oct. 20 - 1995	
	1-Month (%)	1-Year (%)	1-Year (%)
U.S. Dollar	5.69	5.65	5.68
Sterling Pound	6.68	7.06	6.62
Deutsche Mark	3.93	3.93	3.96
Swiss Franc	2.00	2.25	1.87
French Franc	5.62	6.18	6.87
Japanese Yen	0.25	0.25	0.20

Interest bank rates for amounts exceeding U.S. Dollars 1,000,000 or equivalent

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin		
Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.7100	0.7120
Sterling Pound	1.1151	1.1207
Deutsche Mark	0.5074	0.5099
Swiss Franc	0.6215	0.6246
French Franc	0.1443	0.1450
Japanese Yen*	0.0071	0.0106
Dutch Guilder	0.4532	0.4555
Swedish Krona	-	-
Italian Lira*	0.0441	0.0443
Belgian Franc	-	-

* Per 100

Business Drive Beat

Tel Aviv Flights next month

★★ DIRECT FLIGHTS between Queen Alia International Airport and Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv will begin by mid November 1995 when an Arab Wings plane starts regular five-flights a week to the Israeli airport. El Al will also be making five-flights per week to Amman. It is expected that flights will be extended to Aqaba, Haifa and other Israeli cities (Al Dustour).

Israeli customs exemption for Jordan goods

★★ ISRAELI WILL give Jordanian products customs reductions between 20 per cent and 100 per cent while Jordan will give Israeli products a 10 per cent customs reduction, according to the trade and economic cooperation agreement to be signed between Jordan and Israel in the coming few days. The trade protocol supplementing the agreement classifies the Jordanian products into three categories: the first enjoying total exemption from Israeli customs, the second benefiting from a 50 per cent customs reduction and the third receiving customs reduction of 20 per cent. Israeli products will be given an extra five per cent customs production at the start of the third year from the day the agreement goes into effect (Al Dustour).

Directories of industries issued

★★ THE AMMAN CHAMBER of Industry has issued a new 1995-1996 directory of Jordan industries. The directory includes the names of all industrial institutions in the Kingdom and the types of products manufactured in addition to historical information about the development of the Jordanian industry. The chamber also issued a booklet containing comprehensive data and facts about the Kingdom's economic and social aspects covering industry, education, health, labour as well as other subjects related to investment. Furthermore, the chamber is cooperating with the Industrial Development Bank to present the participants at the Amman economic summit with another booklet giving classified statistics about the Jordanian industry (Al Ra'i).

Shipping company plans to buy more vessels

★★ NATIONAL SHIPPING Lines Company (NSLC) General Manager Yaser Al Tal sees the reduction in loading, unloading and storage fees at Aqaba port as practical measures to activate the shipping traffic and increase the port's handling volume. He said that an agreement with the Suez Canal Authority to reduce transit fees for ships heading to Aqaba would also help brake a possible recession as a result of opening (Israeli) ports on the Mediterranean. Mr. Tal explained that the measures to encourage vessels coming from Europe to Aqaba port would reduce shipping costs by \$80,000. The NSLC chief said his company has bought two vessels this year, one from Japan and the other from Greece, with the financing coming from the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB). He added that NSLC seeks to expand its fleet with IDB financing by adding two vessels for bulk transport. (Al Ra'i).

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CORRECTION

In a report in the Sunday's edition of the Jordan Times on an explanation by Central Bank Governor Mohammad Nabulsi, the paper inadvertently reported that Jordan had accepted a Palestinian Authority demand that Jordanian commercial banks keep 40 per cent of their deposits with the authority. The figure should have read 14 per cent instead of 40 per cent. The paper regrets the error.

Trisa selects Intermarkets

"Trisa of Switzerland", the internationally renowned manufacturer of toothbrushes and hairbrushes since 1887, announced the appointment of Intermarkets Advertising to handle its total communications programme in the Middle East.

The appointment was the outcome of a review that "Trisa" had conducted amongst a number of advertising agencies in Dubai. Following which six ad agencies were shortlisted. The Trisa appointment gives Intermarkets a reason to continue smiling after having won F. Hoffmann - La Roche's Bepanthen, Rothmans of Pall Mall (International) and Dubai Marine International Club (DMC) during the past two months.

Birchstone of Coker and



Two colts roughhouse in the stable before taking their turns in the Arabian horse championships (AFP photo)

Cairo horse championships provide showcase for Arab thoroughbreds

CAIRO (AFP) — Horse enthusiasts from all over the world travelled to a farm on the outskirts of Cairo this weekend to pay a tribute to the leading experts in the art of raising Arab thoroughbreds, the world's oldest breed.

The Al Zahraa government stud farm, 20 kilometres from the city centre, is considered the finest breeding ground for Arabian horses in the world but acknowledges it now has competition from a growing number of others.

It played host this weekend to more than 500 visitors watching Egypt's second Arabian Horse Championships, including representatives from at least 30 of the 120 private stud farms that now exist in Egypt.

More than 150 horses took part in the championships, which started on Friday and ended on Sunday.

"With 350 horses, we are the premier stud farm in the world for quality," said Al

Zahraa's director, Khalil Suleiman. But he added: "The growth of private farms in Egypt over the past 10 years has increased competition so we created this championship last year."

Judges from Egypt, France, Italy and Switzerland were there to class each contesting horse, examining their legs, appearance, and above all their heads with their characteristic prominent cheeks and proud eyes.

Christiane Chazel, the French judge, raises horses near Montpellier in the south of France and has a dozen Egyptian Arab thoroughbreds. "The most beautiful Arab horses in the world are here," she said.

"It's the only Arab country in the world that knows how to preserve the very pure lines."

The championship was started last year by Dany Barbary, an Egyptian trained at Saumur in France. Barbary, a former equestrian

champion, has bred horses near Cairo for 30 years.

"The Arab horse has never been cross-bred. It has an inner beauty," she said.

The tradition of breeding in Egypt dates back to 1842, when Khedive Abbas, the Turkish viceroy in the country, scoured the Arabian Peninsula and brought back the finest specimens from the desert.

Despite hardships and a bout of equestrian plague, enough to horses survived to perpetuate the lines. Al Zahraa has housed stables since 1928.

Today, it counts among its frequent foreign visitors wealthy Arab princes from the Gulf who come willing to pay dearly for the "sons of the wind" that their families used to breed.

Oil wealth made them forget the mounts whose pedigrees used to be recited off by heart by their ancestors, who dedicated poems to their noble horses.

"The Egyptian Arab horse is very exclusive. There were very few sales until the revolution (led by Nasser in 1952)," said Abdelhay Al Shishini, the Egyptian judge.

These days Al Zahraa sells 70 horses a year, including 25 that go abroad for around \$50,000 each, according to Suleiman. For some horses, however, prices can rocket. Some Qataris offered a million dollars for Adl, son of Ikhnaton, the former prize stallion at the farm, but Al Zahraa refused to sell because it did not want to lose the line.

A private stable might have sold but there was no pressure at Al Zahraa because of state backing.

On the other hand, however, the government's involvement means horses from Al Zahraa are used for other purposes: Egypt gave Russia a stallion after the construction of the Aswan dam and another was given to France, although that died last year.

Metz held in check but stay unbeaten

PARIS (R) — French league leaders Metz extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches on Saturday and stayed three points clear at the top despite a disappointing 0-0 draw away to lowly Lille.

The leaders, who had won their last five games, lacked the punch and enterprise they had been showing this season to emerge as surprise pace-setters and came close to losing to Lille, second to bottom of the table.

But second-placed Lens

failed to make up ground even though they took the lead in St. Etienne with a goal on the hour from Christophe Delmotte.

St. Etienne fought back and Fabrice Mucci grabbed the equaliser in a 1-1 draw 10 minutes later.

Metz lead the table on 32 points with Lens on 29. They are followed by Auxerre and Paris St. Germain, who meet each other at the Parc des Princes on Sunday, on 25 points.

It was a dreary night of French soccer with only 15 goals in nine matches, seven of which ended in draws.

The only winners were, appropriately enough, on the Riviera, where risk-taking and wagers are a way of life.

Monaco came from behind to beat Montpellier 3-1 with goals from Enzo Scifo, Thierry Henry and Sonny Anderson and Nice beat Martigues 1-0.

The other Riviera club Cannes, who lie at the foot of

the table, did well to return from Gueugnon with a 1-1 draw after playing for 90 minutes with 10 men when Dutch stopper Addick Koot was sent off early in the game.

Champions Nantes, who have not won at home since August, kept up their strangely indecisive run with a fifth consecutive league draw at their Beaujoire Stadium, this time a 1-0 tie with Lyon, runners-up last year but ailing this season.



Siberski (left) of Lille fights for the ball with Metz Song of Metz during French soccer championships at Grimonprez Jooris Stadium in Lille (Reuters photo)

Rangers manager pays tribute to fans

GLASGOW (R) — Rangers manager Walter Smith saluted his club's fans after their biggest crowd of the season saw the Scottish champions try to blot out the memory of their Midweek champions' league mauling by Juventus.

A crowd of 45,155 turned up to see Rangers beat Hfiris 4-1 at Ibrox and go six points clear at the top of the premier division.

A second minute goal from Paul Gascoigne, back after missing three matches through injury, two from Russian striker Oleg Salenko and another from Gordon Durie gave Rangers the points as Hfiris replied through John Millar.

"The fans have been turning up in huge numbers over recent years and it was great to see them behind us after

the Midweek disappointment," said Smith.

"I thought it was important for us to start well and we did that when Paul Gascoigne scored so early. It's been a difficult few days after Juventus but we recovered well."

Second-placed Celtic, playing less than 48 hours after their 1-0 defeat by Paris St. Germain in the European Cup Winners' Cup, drew 0-0 at Kilmarnock.

But third-placed Aberdeen closed the gap from four to two points after their 3-0 home win over Partick Thistle.

At the other end of the table, Falkirk won for the first time this season. Paul McGriren scored in the 44th minute to give them a 1-0 win over Raith Rovers, who lost in the UEFA Cup to Bayern Munich in Midweek.

Atletico Madrid extends lead

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A lone second-period goal from Argentine midfielder Diego Pablo Simeone was all that was needed Saturday night at Valladolid to remain undefeated at the top of the Spanish first division.

Simeone took aim one metre in front of Valladolid goalkeeper Cesar Sanchez, who blocked the Argentine's first shot but couldn't deflect the rebound in Simeone's second shot into the net in the 52nd minute for his fifth goal of the season.

Atletico, a side that finished 14th last season and hasn't won a league title since 1977, now has 25 points — five ahead of No. 2 Barcelona — going into Sunday's remaining games.

Defending champion Real Madrid was 14 points back ahead of its match Sunday against Tenerife.

No host team has scored this season against Atletico.

which is 8-1-0 after nine rounds.

Valladolid, No. 11 with a 2-3-4 record, played a largely defensive game through the first half.

Atletico players mounted six scoring opportunities before Simeone's goal, including a straight-on blast by Francisco "Kiko" Narvaez blocked by Sanchez late in the first half.

Both teams went down to 10 men during the second period as Valladolid defender Ramon Gonzalez got his second yellow card of the game and Atletico's Narvaez was shown a red card in the 75th minute.

Atletico defender Roberto Solozabal saved what looked like a certain Valladolid equaliser in the closing minutes by heading a threatening shot over the post when Atletico goalkeeper Jose Francisco Molina was caught at the edge of the area.

Dutch PSV slam 7 past FC Groningen

AMSTERDAM (R) — PSV Eindhoven stepped up the pressure on Dutch league leaders Ajax Amsterdam with a 7-1 demolition of mid-table Groningen on Saturday.

The storming victory followed a sparkling 5-3 success over Leeds United in the UEFA Cup second round first leg on Tuesday. Both results were achieved without Brazilian star Ronaldo, who is recovering from an ankle injury.

Saturday's win was PSV's eighth of the season and took them within two points of unbeaten Ajax, who have one game in hand.

PSV midfielder Boudewijn Zenden, normally a substitute, snatched a hat-trick af-

ter striker Rene Eijkelkamp, replacement for Ronaldo, opened the score in the 13th minute with a header.

Groningen equalised through striker Edwin de Kruyff in the 24th minute but 10 minutes later Zenden scored his first goal, intercepting a pass from midfielder Marciano Vink.

PSV returned from the break fired up and within three minutes Zenden made it 3-1.

Six minutes later Belgian international Lue Nils scored a fourth. Zenden scored his third in the 64th minute. Nils claimed his second in the 64th and midfielder Boudewijn Pahlplatz rounded off the rout in the final minute.

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♦ Q 4 2
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Opening lead: Four of ♣.
There is one remarkable difference in the way a novice and an expert play their cards. The novice comes to the game table to take 'pot luck,' contributing the card that is nearest to the thumb when not winning a trick, and often not taking a trick with the lowest of touching cards, thus leaving partner to guess what is going on. The expert tries to make every card tell a story to guide partner to the winning defense.

Note North's raise to three no trump. With a hand that surely must produce six or seven tricks for partner, three no trump should be a cakewalk while there might not be the values to stretch to 11 tricks at a diamond contract.

West led a low heart, covered by the ten and king and won by the ace. Next came the jack of diamonds, and it is here that one can gauge the caliber of the West defender.

Some players would discard a low club but, on winning the queen after declarer plays low from dummy, East cannot possibly know that it is vital to shift to spades to defeat the contract. More than likely East will persist with a heart, and declarer will wrap up 10 tricks.

Among those Wests who realize that a spade shift is more attractive are a group who would signal with the ten of spades. That will have the desired effect, and the defenders will take three spade tricks to go with their diamond, holding declarer to nine tricks.

The expert solves the problem neatly by discarding the jack of hearts! That tells partner not to continue hearts, but to shift to the higher-ranking of the other suits, or spades. (A low heart discard would ask for a club switch.) Now the defenders can take four spades and a diamond for a one-trick set.

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Schumacher set to join the greats

AIDA, Japan (R) — Four years after his stunning entry into formula one motor racing, Michael Schumacher on Sunday joined the pantheon of his sport's double world champions.

By winning the Pacific Grand Prix in his Benetton the 26-year-old German secured his second successive drivers' title.

He now joins such legendary racing heroes as Italy's Alberto Ascari, Briton Graham Hill — father of his closest rival Damon Hill — another Briton, Jim Clark, and Brazilian Emerson Fittipaldi as a double winner of motor racing's greatest prize.

Ahead of him now lie even more famous achievers such as five-times champion Juan-Manuel Fangio of Argentina, Frenchman Alain Prost, who won the title four times and five men who have lifted it three times — Australian Jack Brabham, Briton Jackie Stewart, Austrian Niki Lauda and Brazilians Nelson Piquet and Ayrton Senna.

But for Schumacher the biggest challenge is not to overhaul the men who have won the title more often but to surpass Prost's all-time record of 51 Grand Prix victories. At his age he has the years ahead to mount a serious challenge once he has joined Ferrari next season.

"To win championships is not the way I see it," said Schumacher, who had needed only three points on Sunday to sew up the 1995 title but went all out to collect his 18th Grand Prix win.

"I like to win races and as many races as possible. The championships will come with them. To be honest, I am more interested in Prost's record of 51 wins than in the number of championships."

For Schumacher, whose simple approach to life has been one of his greatest strengths, the next race is always the most important.

"I never set targets or make too many plans," he said. "I like to race and to live by my instincts as much as I can. It has always worked for me so far."

The son of a provincial bricklayer from the rural north-German flatlands west of Cologne, Schumacher is a man of singular amritous whose life has revolved around motor racing since he was only four years old.

That was his age when he crashed into a lamp-post on a pavement while driving his first motorised kart near his family home at Kerpen and was told by his parents that he would have to go to the local kart track in future.

It was the start of an extraordinary career in motor racing which saw him move from one success to another on a route through the German and world karting championships, Formula Konis, Formula Ford, Formula Three and the World Sportscar Championship with Mercedes-Benz on his way to the top.

As he progressed, he developed extraordinary mental and physical fitness levels which have set new standards in the sport.

His fellow German driver Heinz-Harald Frentzen, now with Sauber, was a team mate in the Mercedes junior team in 1990 and recalled one illuminating incident.

Frentzen said: "Michael and I went for a fitness test together in Austria and he was driving on snow-covered roads. He drove very fast and when we arrived at the clinic and had our pulses taken, it was amazing."

"Mine was about 120 or something and they asked me if I was all right and I said I was just a little over-excited... but Michael's was only normal, about 60 or 70 or something. It was absolutely fantastic, unbelievable."

Schumacher was a close friend of Frentzen at that time but in 1991 the pair fell out after Frentzen's then-girlfriend Corinna Besch left him and, after a short period, switched allegiance to Schumacher. She is now his wife.

Another man whose judgement of Schumacher has changed in recent years is Austrian veteran Gerhard Berger. He said: "At first I thought he was a good driver but nothing more. But this year he has proved he is a truly great driver. He is a fine champion."

This season, Schumacher has shaken off the controversy of 1994, when his title success came amid acrimony and suspensions, to deliver a series of mature and exhilarating performances. His victory in the Euro-

pean Grand Prix at the Nuerburging in Germany was universally hailed as his greatest but though he agreed with that he said that it was only one of four triumphs he cherished this season.

The others — his wins at Monaco, Hockenheim and Spa-Francorchamps — were in his view just as special for him in a season when everything has gone his way.

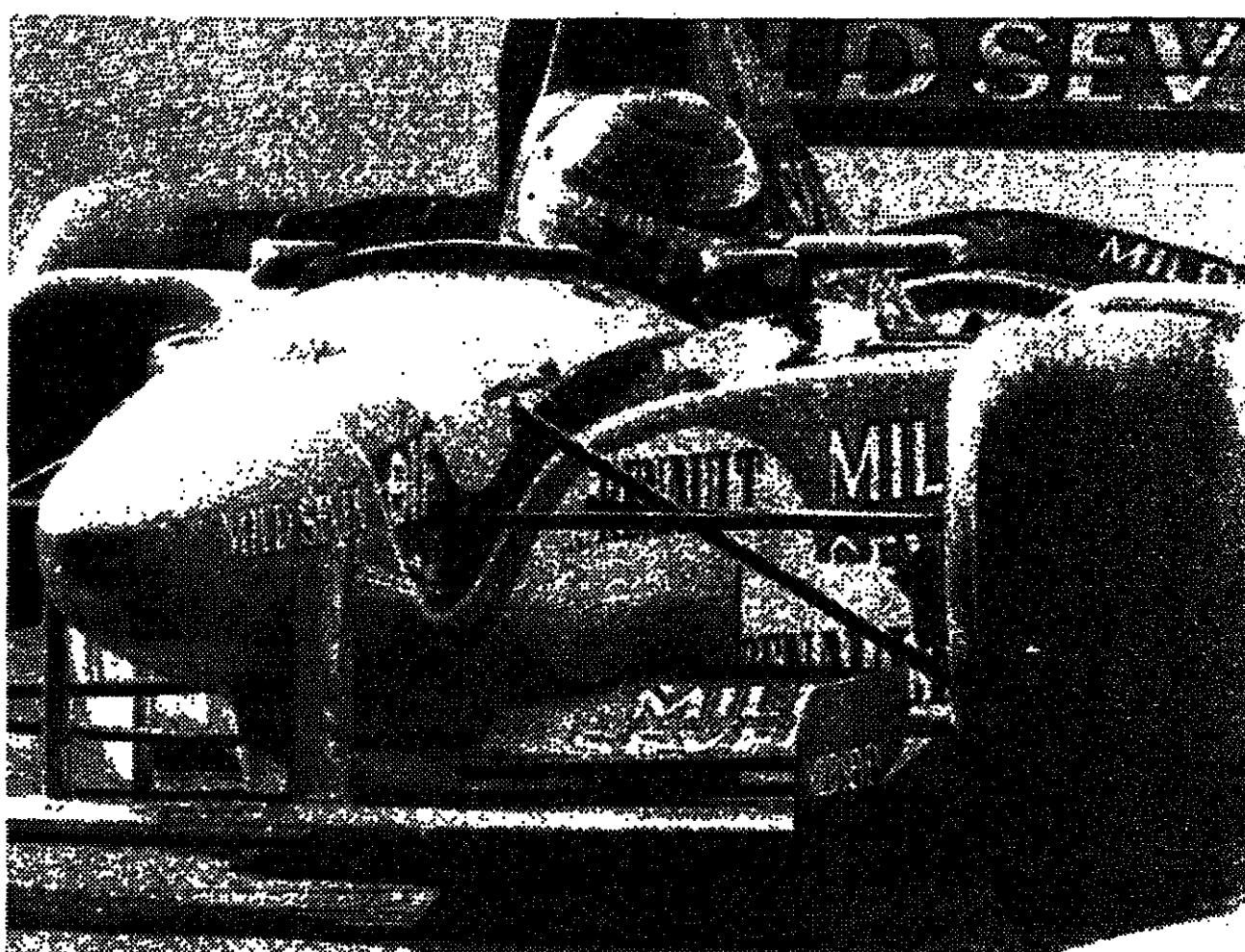
"It has been an enjoyable and special season for me," he said. "We have had some great racing and I have had terrific support from the Benetton team."

Schumacher does not intend to rest on his laurels after sealing his second title. He hopes to lead Benetton to further glory and success in the Constructors' Championship in the Japanese and Australian Grands Prix before starting his career with Ferrari on his return to Europe, five days after racing in Adelaide.

His concentration and his intensity have been remarkable for such a young driver in the four years since he joined Jordan for his debut at the 1991 Belgian Grand Prix.

He attributes that to his personal application to fitness and self-control and an ability to escape to relaxations such as television and cinema whenever he can.

Asked in a recent interview which country and century he would belong to by choice, he offered an unexpected reply when he said: "Scotland in the 14th century. I adore movies



Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany steers his Benetton through a turn on his way to winning the Pacific Grand Prix at the Aida circuit. Schumacher retained his world title by

winning the 83-lap race, with Great Britain's David Coulthard placing second and Damon Hill third in their Williams (Reuters photo)

like Highlander and Braveheart which are based in Scotland. "The landscape looks beautiful — so bleak and stark. The place must have been at its best way back in history before there were any cars around to ruin the tranquility."

For a man who has just won his second world title as the world's fastest driver, it was the most unlikely answer. Yet it was evidence

of the new, maturing Schumacher — who should have the motor racing world at his feet, if not in his hands, again next season.

Chang wins Beijing tournament

BEIJING (R) — American top seed Michael Chang comfortably won the Salem Open tennis tournament on Sunday.

It was the third successive Salem Open title for Chang, the crowd favourite, and he picked up a champion's purse of \$43,000.

Furlan gave Chang a scare in the first set when he broke his serve but Chang broke back and took control again.

It was plain sailing in the second set, with Chang's strong serving

and powerful ground-strokes proving too much for the Italian in front of a raucous crowd of 2,000 people.

After the presentation, the crowd shouted for Chang to address them in Chinese which he did to loud cheers, thanking the fans for their support. He repeated the thanks in English.

Chang, ranked fifth in the world, is the son of Taiwanese emigrants and is hugely popular in China.



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Sweden's Stefan Edberg holds aloft the Hong Kong tennis championships trophy after defeating Italy's Andrea Gandenzi. Defending champion Edberg won 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 and a U.S. \$220,000 winners cheque (Reuters photo)

Edberg wins Hong Kong meet

HONG KONG (AFP) — Sweden's Stefan Edberg won his first tournament in nearly 10 months when he best Italy's Andrea Gandenzi 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (7/3) in the final of the Marlboro Hong Kong Championships here Sunday.

The 29-year-old Swede, who admitted earlier this week he was no longer at the top, played some of his best tennis to pick up the \$220,000 prize.

The former world number one, who last won in Qatar in early January, is now looking forward to a tough series of indoor tournaments in Europe.

"I felt in the last two days I played some great tennis," said Edberg, now ranked 23 in the world.

Edberg's next event is the \$2 million tournament in Essen, Germany.

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Zeroual calls off talks with Chirac

PARIS (AP) — The presidents of France and Algeria on Sunday abruptly cancelled a planned meeting in New York that had stirred threats from radicals.

President Jacques Chirac of France and his Algerian counterpart, Liamine Zeroual, had planned to meet Sunday or Monday alongside ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

But Mr. Zeroual decided to back out of the summit, Algerian radio said, citing official government sources. No reason was given, but tensions had soared in both countries after Mr. Chirac announced plans to meet Mr. Chirac.

Mr. Chirac and Mr. Zeroual were said to be both staying in New York's Hotel Continental on adjacent floors. Mr. Chirac later said Mr. Zeroual has asked for a "postponement," raising the possibility that the two leaders might meet at another time.

The planned meeting had outraged militants trying to topple Algeria's military-installed government. They say it as a sign of French support for Mr. Zeroual's administration and his candidacy in presidential elections next month.

"Zeroual-Chirac meeting at High Risk," the Sunday newspaper *le Journal du Dimanche* blared in a front-page headline.

Fearing another attack protesting the planned summit, police and soldiers on Sunday rode shotgun on subways and patrolled public squares around Paris.

The police presence was palpable Sunday in the French capital, where 2,500 more troops were mobilised on Saturday, pushing the

nationwide total to 32,000. At one Paris subway stop, gendarmes crouched to check under a bench, the muzzles of their submachine guns scraping the pavement.

The summit was to be held privately amid tight security sometime Sunday or Monday. It would have been the first since December 1990, when former President Francois Mitterrand of France hosted a meeting in Paris with ex-President Chadli Bendjedid of Algeria.

Violence has increased in Algeria with the approach of the Nov. 16 first round of presidential balloting. (see page 2).

More than 30,000 people have died in Algeria in an Islamic insurgency that began in January 1992, when the government cancelled elections that Muslim fundamentalists were winning.

In France, the militant Armed Islamic Group of Algeria has claimed responsibility for a wave of eight bombings or attempted bombings that have killed seven people and wounded 160 since mid-summer.

The group has said it is punishing France for interfering in Algeria's domestic affairs, and because Mr. Chirac has ignored its call to submit to Islam.

The summit plans had stirred anger on both ends of the political spectrum in France. "It isn't good," said Francois Hollande, spokesman for the Socialist Party.

Bruno Mergret, a leader of France's extreme-rightist National Front, criticised Mr. Chirac for planning a meeting he called "a major political mistake."

"It imports the conflict on our soil and provokes terrorism in France," Mr. Mergret said Sunday.



PRINCE RA'D VISITS QAIA: His Royal Highness Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid, on Sunday pays an inspection visit to the Queen Alia International Airport and is briefed on the arrangements for the reception of delegations taking part in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference. Accompanied by airport director Abdul (Petra photo)

Hamid Kabariti, Prince Ra'd also inspected the special passageways and gates for the handicapped in the arrivals and the departure lounges in the two terminals as well as a special alley under the bridge at the airport.

Syrian ship takes on expellees

LARNACA (AFP) — A boat carrying 250 cheering Palestinians who were stranded on a car-ferry for nine days after fleeing Libya left here Sunday for the Syrian port Latakia to start a new life.

The Fayza Express set sail after undergoing emergency safety work in Larnaca onmm the orders of Cypriot port officials who said they demanded that extra life jacket be carried on board.

The boat's jubilant passengers, in the first wave of 617 refugees with Syrian travel papers who were due to be shipped to Latakia, sang in praise of Palestine, Syria and its President Hafez Al Assad.

Syrian officials said a second, faster boat coming to pick up the rest of those entitled to travel to Syria had left Latakia and was to arrive in Larnaca on Sunday.

The Palestinians were hoping it was the end of an ordeal that began when they left the Libyan port of Tripoli on Oct. 13, many of them after

losing their jobs, and were then turned away from Latakia on Monday.

Earlier, the refugees, who had endured sweltering conditions on the Greek-owned, Cypriot-flagged car-ferry Countess M since it anchored off Larnaca on Tuesday, broke into cheers on hearing that a second ship was on its way.

"I'm very pleased to say that we are expecting a new vessel coming from Syria to carry the other passengers today, definitely," said Syrian Charge d'Affaires Roustom Zoubi.

Many of those left on the car-ferry had feared being left behind and the tension spilled over into violence late Saturday between some of the passengers.

Shipping agent Milton Georgiades confirmed there had been "scuffles" aboard the ship on Saturday night among Palestinians worried about who would be leaving first.

He added his agency, the Larnaca-based Riki Shipping and Trading, was acting for the Syrian company Della and was supplying the second ship, Al Assad.

Cypriot authorities transferring passengers to the Fayza Express had allowed only small groups of about 10 to leave the Countess M ferry at a time, amid a tight security cordon manned by 50 policemen and 10 soldiers.

Those who left, waving and smiling to those on the Countess M, under an Arabic sign saying "Welcome to Assad's Syria" thanked the Syrian president for rescuing them.

A picture of Mr. Assad was hung from the ship along with a Syrian flag, and some passengers bent to kiss a portrait of the Syrian leader before it departed.

There were loud cheers too when four-day-old baby Miranda, born Thursday in Larnaca hospital, was carried off the Countess M by a Cypriot policewoman to board the other ship.

Kabul reels after weekend attacks

KABUL (AFP) — A bombing raid Sunday on a residential district of Kabul caused panic the day after a deadly rocket attack opened hostilities by the Taliban militia against the Afghan capital.

At least three people were wounded when aircraft bombed the Afghan capital, officials said. The planes were not immediately identified but the raid coincided with the Taliban's latest attempt to take the city.

The rocket attack 24 hours earlier left at least eight people dead and 11 injured.

The assaults have put Kabul's residents on edge again after several months without a serious attack.

Four powerful bombs fell on a crowded residential area of central Kabul on Sunday morning as government anti-aircraft gunners opened fire on the jets.

A Defence Ministry official said only one of the "enemy planes" had managed to drop its bombs.

He said it was the first bombing of the city centre since the Taliban militia reached the southern outskirts of the city nearly two weeks ago in their second attempt to capture the capital in eight months.

Government officials denied, meanwhile, that a strategic mountain pass northwest of Kabul had fallen to opposition forces and that

a key northern highway was threatened.

The black-turbaned Taliban fighters have vowed to topple the government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani and establish Islamic law throughout the war-torn country.

The Defence Ministry official said the Taliban may have restored some captured Soviet-made SU-22 aircraft but he could not say which type of planes staged the attack or confirm who they belonged to.

One of the four bombs flattened a mud brick house injuring two residents, neighbours said.

Two of the estimated 250-kilogramme bombs gouged deep craters in the earth, one near a school, but caused no casualties.

The other bomb landed in an oil storage depot slightly injuring one person but causing no significant damage.

The Taliban, whose previous attempt to capture the capital was repulsed in March, have previously refrained from targeting civilian areas of the city of nearly a million people.

Until the weekend attacks, life in the city itself had been relatively normal. The roads were full of people and business continued as usual.

Previous battles for control of Kabul left 25,000 dead in three years.

IAF grapples with internal squabbles

By Sa'eda Kilani
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Islamic Action-Front (IAF) leadership on Sunday ruled out the possibility of dissensions within its ranks and said a month-old crisis with some of its leading members have been sorted out.

But one IAF former member heavily criticised the performance of the country's largest political party and predicted its downfall if it did not change its administrative policies.

"It is not true that they (the IAF leadership) reached a conclusion," said Ziad Abu Ghanimeh, a former IAF member. "The party is disunited and is shrinking (in membership) more and more with time." He was referring to a seven-hour meeting Friday of the IAF Shura council after which the front issued a statement calling for unity in its ranks.

Mr. Abu Ghanimeh's comments were dismissed by the IAF leadership as baseless. Lower House of Parliament Deputy Mohammad

Oweidah told the Jordan Times that a dispute between three leading IAF members and the front's leadership has been settled at the Friday meeting.

"There are some people who dream of seeing the front collapse," said Dr. Oweidah. "When they heard of internal differences, they thought their dream had come true."

"To their disappointment, the front emerged (from the crisis) stronger than before," he added.

The three IAF members and also Parliament deputies, Hammam Sa'eed, Ahmad Kofahi and Abdul Min'em Abu Zant, were judged by the leadership as having violated the party's bylaws when they abstained from attending a House session dedicated for the discussion of the laws related to lifting the boycott on Israel. Despite the front's decision to attend the session and vote against the proposed legislations, the three deputies ruled that more participation in the ses-

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Charges pressed against Al Hayat and Ne'matt

No court session called yet

By Natasha Bukhari
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A public prosecutor has pressed charges against the London-based Al Hayat newspaper, its editor and its Amman correspondent over a report it published last month claiming that some Jordanian journalists and officials were on the payroll of the Iraqi regime, legal sources said Sunday.

The prosecutor has ended his investigations and referred the case to Amman's Court of First Instance, one of the sources said, adding that Al Hayat, its chief editor Jihad Khazen, and Amman correspondent Salameh Ne'matt have been charged with violating articles in the Press and Publications Law as well as the Penal Code.

The charges were pressed against the defendants after Prosecutor Jamal Zoubi completed his investigation which involved hearing the testimonies of columnist Tareq Masarweh, who was the first to react unfavourably to the report, President of the Jordan Press Association Suleiman Qudah and Mr. Ne'matt, who was detained for two days before his release on bail earlier this month.

The controversial detention of Mr. Ne'matt caught journalists by surprise at the time; many protested against the unprecedented move of detention prior to pressing charges.

In his report, published in Al Hayat on Sept. 20, Mr. Ne'matt quoted "informed" and "official sources" as

saying that the government has opened an investigation into allegations that 42 officials, including a current cabinet member and a former senior official, and journalists were being bribed by the Iraqi regime to "create a Jordanian movement to counter Jordan's support for change in the Iraqi regime..." following General Hussein Kamel's defection to the Kingdom on Aug. 8.

The article drew strong criticism from some journalists here led by the staunchly pro-Iraq columnist, Mr. Masarweh, who also doubles as the premier's press advisor.

In an article published on Sept. 21 in the mass circulation Al Ra'i daily, Mr. Masarweh demanded that Mr. Ne'matt and his paper be taken to court for slander.

"We will go to court to find out who these 'informed' sources and 'official' sources who have relayed to Al Hayat the 'government's concern' over the Iraqi campaign are," Mr. Masarweh wrote in that article.

Mr. Ne'matt has since rejected all charges against him and denied accusations by the prosecutor that he could name neither those who allegedly receive bribes from Iraq nor his sources.

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Queen Elizabeth to share flight with public for 1st time

LONDON (AFP) — Queen Elizabeth II will, for the first time share a commercial flight with members of the public next week when she flies to New Zealand for the Commonwealth summit in Auckland, Buckingham Palace said Sunday.

The decision to take the Air New Zealand service to Auckland, via Los Angeles, with fare-paying passengers will save New Zealand taxpayers an estimated £400,000 (\$620,000). It is customary for a host Commonwealth nation to pay for the queen's travel when she visits as head of state. Normally the queen flies in a royal squadron aircraft or charters a long-range jet. But she has accepted a recommendation by the New Zealand government to travel on a scheduled flight. A team of 16 engineers will transform the Boeing 747-400 jumbo jet's first-class section into a luxurious cabin fit for a queen. During the aircraft's seven-hour turnaround time at London's Heathrow Airport, the engineers will transform the first-class accommodation. The 16 first-class seats will be replaced with an elegant table, four armchairs and two beds. The Duke of Edinburgh will not be on the flight and will arrive in New Zealand ahead of the queen from South Africa where he will attend the world wide fund for nature's annual meeting. There will be no plastic cups and trays for her. She will eat from fine China with silver cutlery and drink from crystal glasses.

China gives 12-year-old buddha gets luxury car

BEIJING (AFP) — The Chinese government, seeking ways to control the turbulent region of Tibet, has given a luxury car to the designated "living buddha" — a 12-year-old who is too young to drive. Garamaba Ogyain Chilai, the 17th living buddha, is shown in the weekly Beijing Review receiving a gleaming Toyota 4500 at celebrations last month of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the autonomous region of Tibet. "The gift was intended to inspire preaching by the young buddha," said the magazine received here Sunday. It said he was the first person in China to receive such a car from the government. Beijing Review did not say who would use the car as the buddha is too young to get a driver's license.

Stranded Russian circus flies home

DAVAO, Philippines (R) — The longest-running circus in town finally began its long trip home to Russia Sunday after being stranded for seven months in the southern Philippines and giving away its bears for food to survive. A seemingly endless saga of mishaps for the Russian all-star circus ended at dawn when an Ilyushin-76 Russian cargo plane lifted off from Davao City carrying the remnants of the circus on a 11,400-kilometre journey to Moscow. Its misfortunes included a falling out with a Filipino promoter that reduced the troupe into virtual penury and the death of seven animals.

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